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## "RED" & ANTI-"RED" BATTLES

### SUCCESSES AND REVERSES REPORTED.

### COMMUNISTS THREATEN TO BURN SWATOW.

### MORE FRENCH WARSHIPS.

There is confirmation to-day that the anti-"Red" expeditionary army has succeeded in defeating the "Reds" at Yingtak and have captured the city, pursuing the defeated forces. The Kwangsi troops who have effected this coup are now proceeding towards Shiuwan, where "Reds" are still in control.

On the other hand, Kiangsi troops are reported in a Naval wireless message to have been defeated by a "Red" force near Foochow, whilst a Communist army is said to be in the vicinity of Swatow and to have threatened that if they capture the city they will set it on fire. Swatow is only meagrely defended and "Moderate" reinforcements are expected.

In the fighting between Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's troops, and those of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, the former have suffered a reverse near Chinkiang which is expected to fall very shortly. There is, however, a renewed report of peace pourparlers between Chiang and Sun, Marshal Chiang being anxious to reach an agreement.

Another French cruiser and three new sloops are being dispatched to Chinese waters and it is expected that the French forces in China will be increased by the sending of two more battalions.

### MANY QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

Canton, May 4. "REDS" THREATEN SWATOW.

Attack Feared Soon.

Swatow, May 4.

In anticipation of an attack on the city by the "Reds," who are reported to be within 17 miles of the city between Swatow and Chaochowfu, the anti-"Reds" have commanded the Chinese 83rd Yuanlee.

The cargo was discharged and the vessel was sent to Amoy as a troophip.

The forces at Swatow are said to be short of arms, having but 300 rifles between them. Reinforcements are expected within a few days. The Swatow authorities have been informed that should the Communists capture the city, they intend to set fire to certain parts of Swatow.—*Naval Wireless*.

#### HANKOW UNEASINESS.

But No Visible Change.

Hankow, May 4.

Uneasiness in Hankow is increasing, but outwardly there is no change in the situation.—*Naval Wireless*.

#### SOUTHERN DEFEAT.

Fall of Chinkiang Likely.

Chinkiang, May 4.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's troops have defeated the Southern army, retreated to Manpah in great disorder.

White flags were then hoisted in Yingtak city, and the next day morning the Kwangsi troops is thought that he will occupy Chinkiang in the very near future.

General Chang succeeded in defeating the "Reds," and captured two hundred of them. The remaining portion of the "Red" army retreated to Manpah in great disorder.

Considerable troop movement took place yesterday, several battalions proceeding eastward by land and train.

It was also observed that large numbers of troops formerly at Hsiang Shan have been moved to Silver Island.—*Naval Wireless*.

#### Troops Leave Wuhu.

Wuhu, May 4.

The majority of troops have now left Wuhu for an unknown destination.

The 5th Division left on Monday evening and the 7th Division on Tuesday.—*Naval Wireless*.

#### PEACE WITH SUN?

Chiang Still Negotiates.

Shanghai, May 4.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is renewing his efforts to bring about an agreement with Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, and further protracted and enervely considered negotiations have taken place.

It is thought that Marshal Chiang's endeavours will result in a satisfactory conclusion being reached.

The situation at Foochow is tory conclusion being reached.

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#### A KIANGSI REVERSE?

Reinforcements from Foochow.

Foochow, May 4. The Kiangsi forces under Marshal Chiang Kai-shek are reported to have met with a reverse in contact with the Communists. About 4,000 troops have been sent to reinforce him.

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#### A QUARTER MILLION HOMELESS.

#### THE MISSISSIPPI FLOODS INCREASE.

#### STAGGERING TOTAL LOSS.

New Orleans, May 4.

Thirteen parishes in North and Central Louisiana, including over 100 cities, towns and villages are flooded and deserted.

The devastation of North-eastern Louisiana over a stretch of approximately 4,000 square miles is becoming rapidly complete, the river having torn through the banks at two additional places between Vicksburg and Natchez.

A new army of refugees has started on the march, increasing the number of homeless to 250,000. Rice, cotton, sugar-cane and oil lands have been flooded, adding almost immeasurably to the staggering total loss.

New Crevasses.

Later.

New crevasses have appeared in the embankments above and below St. Joseph, between Vicksburg and Natchez, releasing an immense volume of water and adding vastly to the inundated territory.

15,000 Square Miles.

The floods now cover altogether nearly 15,000 square miles in Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi. For hundreds of miles along the Mississippi in Arkansas and Louisiana there are only scattered places which are not under water. From Arkansas City to Vicksburg, which is a distance of over 100 miles, the Mississippi is flowing through a great lake.—*Reuters' American Service*.

#### SOVIET DELEGATES AT GENEVA.

#### ELABORATE POLICE PRECAUTIONS.

Geneva, May 4.

The Russian delegation to the Economic Conference has arrived.

The most elaborate police precautions for their safety were taken.

The delegates instead of alighting at the central railway station, where a large crowd had assembled to see them, left the train at Bellevue, three miles away, and from there they motored to a hotel, where the local authorities had engaged a whole floor for them.—*Reuters*.

#### HUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

#### PROPERTY RENTS INCREASED.

Recently the authorities of the Hung Wah Hospital have decided that the rents of some of the hospital's property should be increased, says a vernacular paper.

It has been explained to the occupants of the houses affected that this increase will mean that the hospital will have an additional income of \$1,000 a month, and that this will be of great assistance towards providing for the sick people.

It was also observed that large numbers of troops formerly at Hsiang Shan have been moved to Silver Island.—*Naval Wireless*.

#### MEXICAN OUTLAWS KILLED.

#### PARTICIPANTS IN TRAIN OUTRAGE.

Mexico City, May 4.

Eighty-six rebels have been killed, and several bands dispersed or exterminated in three States.

It is known that one of the bands participated in the train outrage at Limon last month, when many passengers were brutally slaughtered.—*Reuters' American Service*.

#### TO-DAY.

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#### COMMONS SCENE.

#### A LABOUR MEMBER SUSPENDED.

#### THE PREMIER TAUNTED.

London, May 4.

In the House of Commons, the fact that Sir John Simon and Mr. Baldwin were speaking to-day stimulated interest in the debate on the Trades Union Bill.

It was Sir John Simon who, during the general strike, first declared that it was illegal.

The House was quiet to-day when he resumed the debate, mentioning that he did not fully agree with some of his Liberal friends regarding the Bill.

Ironical Opposition cheers greeted his expression of regret that the Labourites were not prepared to try and amend the Bill. He added that the House should direct its attention to the method and language in which the Government expressed certain praiseworthy intentions in the Bill. He would have preferred a one-clause Bill declaring illegal any combination of workers or employers to coerce Parliament or the Government.

Premier Taunted.

A storm of cheering and counter-cheering, and Labourite taunts, as for instance, "Uriah Heep!" greeted Mr. Baldwin, who argued that the Government had the authority to amend the existing trade union law because, in consequence of the latter, power was to-day getting into the hands of the so-called "minority movement."

This was challenged by the Labourites, but Mr. Baldwin re-

#### SERIOUS RIOTS IN IRIA.

#### TEN PERSONS KILLED AND 30 INJURED.

#### TROOPS HELD IN READINESS.

London, May 4.

Serious rioting followed on the death of three Muslims in a brawl near Dabibazar.

A Muslim crowd paraded in the principal street at Anarkali, shouting "Allah O Akbar!", and persuading their co-religionists to observe a "hartal."

Subsequently, thousands accompanied the funeral procession, and on their returning thence disturbances broke out.

Hitherto, 10 dead and 30 injured have been brought in.

Drastic measures have been taken by the District Magistrate, including the "proclamation" of any assembly of over four persons, also prohibiting the carrying of "lathis," to be operative for a month.

Magistrates have been quartered with troops, and have been instructed, after due warning, to order firing in the event of life being endangered, or if there be any risk of the outbreak of fires.—*Reuters*.

#### WORLD ECONOMICS.

#### THE INTER-DEPENDENCE OF NATIONS.

Geneva, May 4.

The Economic Conference has opened, M. Loucheur being elected first Vice President.

M. Theunis, the President, in a speech drew attention to the economic inter-dependence of nations and reviewed the general economic situation of the world. He outlined the existing obstacles against a solution of the difficulties and declared that "we are laying the first stone of a structure which will serve the general interests and the cause of peace."

His speech was greeted with general applause, the public galleries being fairly well filled.

#### ITALY APPEALS FOR CO-OPERATION.

Count Bonini Longare, of Italy, declared that Italy was short of raw material and found difficulty in supporting economically her large population.

He appealed for co-operation in the conference.

#### VALUE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

Mr. Walter Runciman expounded the views of the International Chamber of Commerce, and expressed the conviction that mutual understanding in international economic and business problems was the surest guarantee of a growing volume of trade, and the maintenance of higher standards of life and the legitimate aspirations of modern democracy.—*Reuters*.

#### CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

#### NOW NORMAL FROM CANTON TO SUMCHUN.

Information has been received from the management of the Canton-Kowloon Railway in Canton saying that the running of the service is now normal from Sumchun to Canton, except that there will be no express.

although it was easy then to force legislation through, the chances were that it would have been extreme and vindictive. He believed that the more the Bill was known in the country the more it would be supported. (Labourite cheers of, "Wait till the next general election!")

Mr. Baldwin retorted, "We will meet you on this issue at the election with confidence." (Prolonged cheers and counter-cheers.)

The debate was adjourned after the Speaker had rebuked the attitude of the Labourites towards Mr. Herbert Spencer (expelled from the party for negotiating district settlements during the coal strike, and a supporter of the present Bill on May 2), and also their frivolous behaviour.—*Reuters*.

## BRITISH TAXPAYERS' BURDEN.

### A REPLY TO MR. MELLON'S INACCURACIES.

#### £33,000,000 PAID ANNUALLY TO AMERICA.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTE SENT.

Describing the figures contained in a letter sent last March by Mr. Mellon, the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, to the President of Princeton University, regarding the British receipts and payments in connexion with war debts, as inaccurate, the British Government has sent a Note to the Government of the United States setting forth the correct position.

Mr. Mellon alleged that Britain received from German reparations and inter-Allied war debt payments more than sufficient to meet her obligations to America. The British Note shows this statement to be untrue, and provides figures that prove how big is the burden borne by the taxpayer at home. The annual payment to the United States of £33,000,000 is not likely to be balanced by receipts from other sources even during the next sixty years.

At Washington, the Note has caused surprise. The State Department is expected to issue a reply after studying it; while Mr. Mellon declines to make any comment for the present.

### SURPRISE EXPRESSED IN U.S.

London, May 4. gian war debt and Allied war debts combined, fell short of the amount paid to the United States by £243,000,000.

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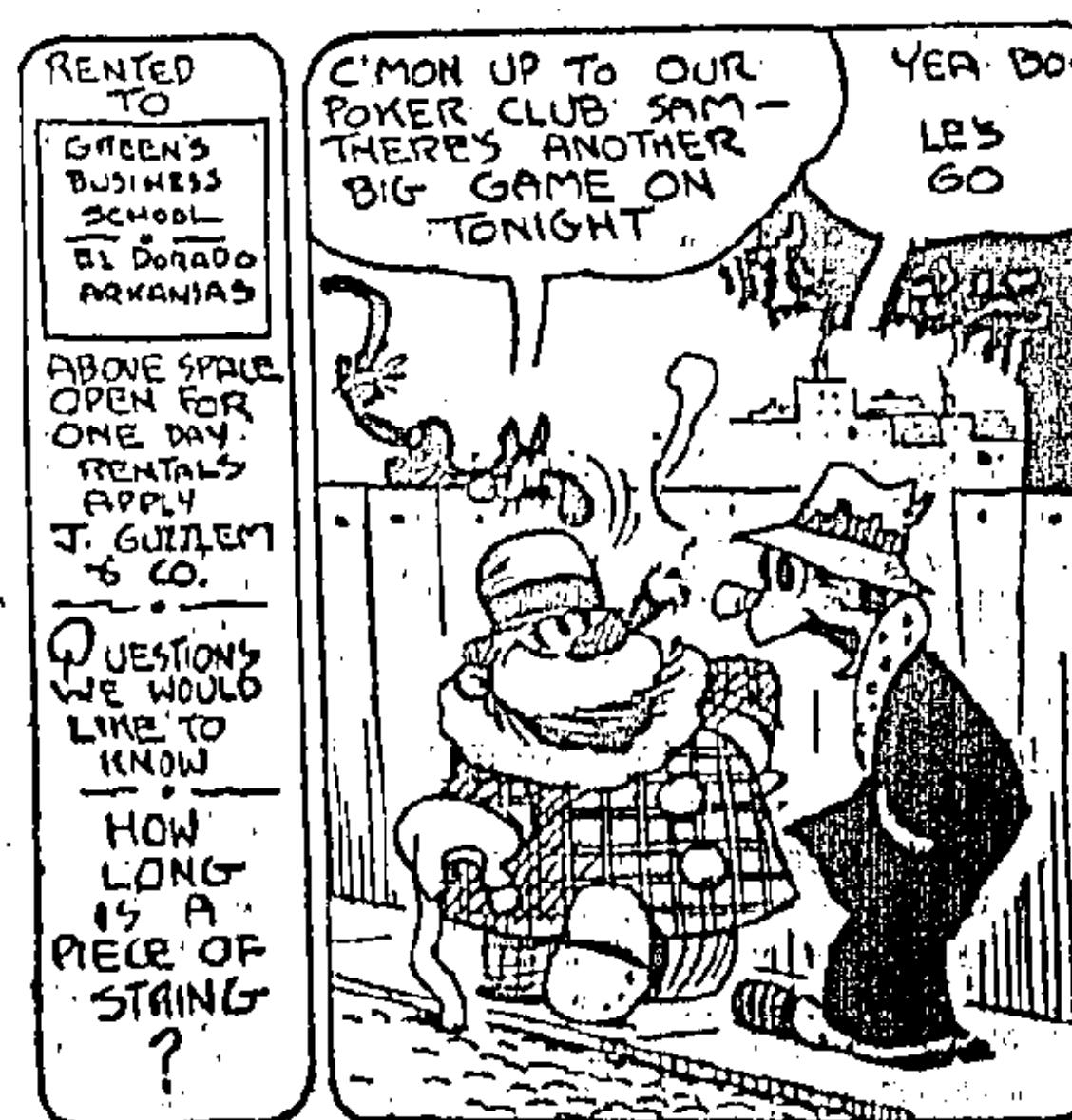
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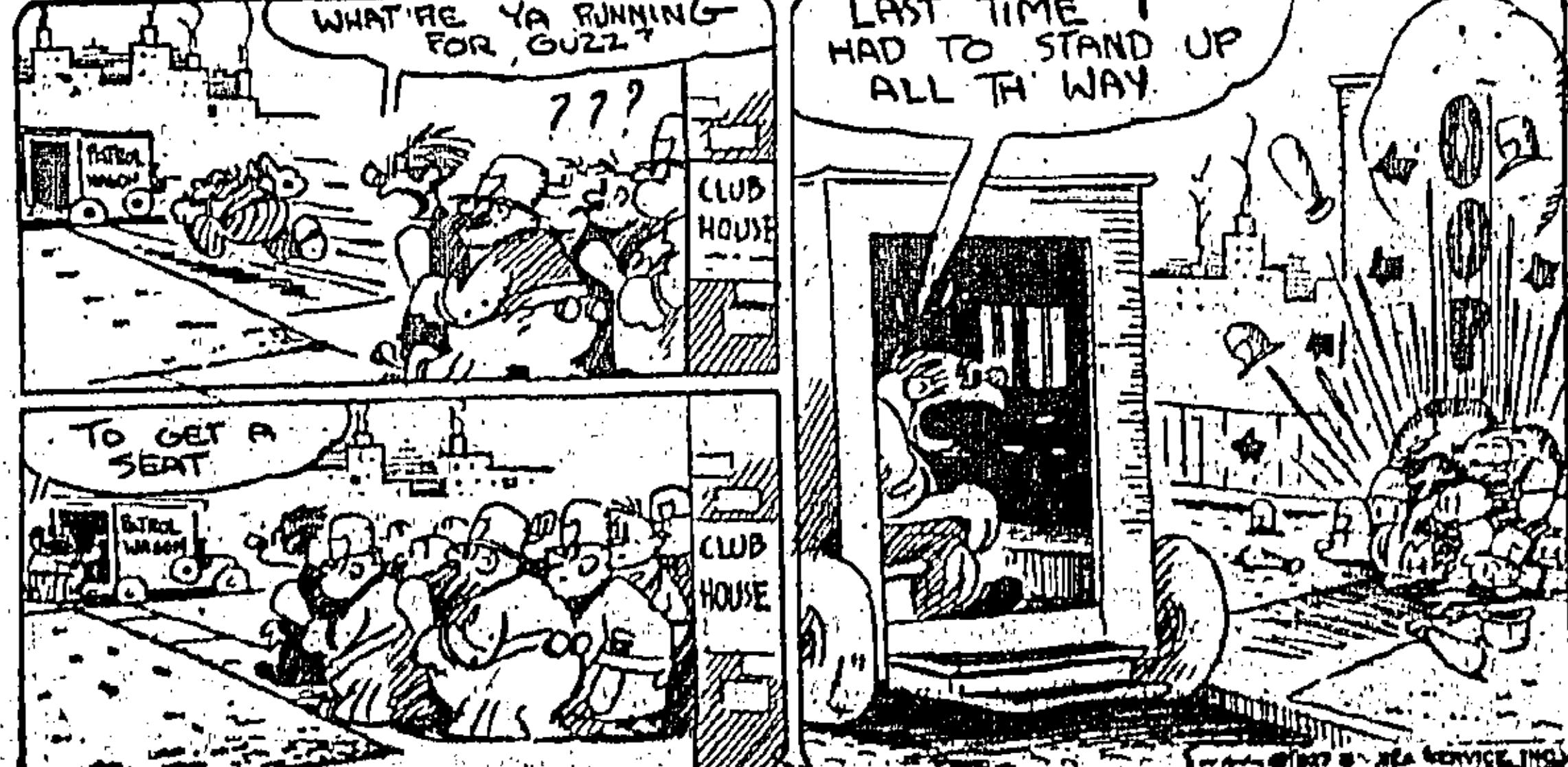
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### SHANGHAI DIARY.

#### GETTING BACK TO NORMAL.

Shanghai, April 28. Considerable interest attaches to an announcement by the Political Bureau of the Nationalist army now in Shanghai that the arrest of Mr. Fu Siao-en is ordered. The person concerned is the chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and it is charged against him that he got his present position by illegal means and that corruption was responsible for the great success of Mr. Fu and other members of the Chamber committee at the last election. Mr. Fu is also charged with being an anti-revolutionary in that he assisted Sun Chuan-fang with money. However there is little doubt that the real cause for the order and for an order disbanding the Chamber committee is the fact that it has so far refused to raise a loan of ten million dollars for the Nationalist cause. It is understood that so far the Nationalists have succeeded in raising \$6,000,000 in Shanghai on the security of the Customs surtax. Negotiations are in progress for another ten million on the same security and it is probably because of opposition by Fu that the present measures are taken.

#### Sport.

H.M.S. Hawkins by beating

H.M.S. Despatch by three goals

to one has entered the final of the

Army and Navy cup football com-

petition. The competition has

provoked considerable interest

with so many army and naval

teams available now. The Haw-

kins will now meet the Durhams

in the final.

#### Normality.

Shanghai is gradually resuming a normal atmosphere. There is not now the feeling of tension which recently was noticeable to every visitor. The spirit of unrest is manifest enough from Nanking to Hankow but Shanghai has dropped out of the lime-light. The authorities appreciate the difference, and there has been relaxation all round. To-day guards were withdrawn from the offices of the Telegraph companies after a long period of sentry duty day and night. Arrangements have also been made for the evacuation of all Shanghai Volunteer Corps units from their billets in the Race Club's stand. The American company of the Volunteers are also vacating their billets at the premises of the Shanghai Rowing Club and it will again be available for members. Meantime sport has been curtailed at the Race Course. The daily flying of aeroplanes from H.M.S. Argus prevents all golf there and of course it is impossible to get out to the Kiangwan and Hongkew golf courses, both of which lie far outside the defence lines. Referring again to restrictions I hear that shortly the curfew will not ring again, at least not till the need again arises.

#### American Policy.

Not unnaturally the Americans in Shanghai are rather disgusted with the attitude of Washington so far as the Nanking outrages are concerned. Events give credence to the suggestion put forward a little time ago that Chiang Kai-shek's split was a clever move on his part to distract the allies. Washington seems to think that if Chiang is not Communist then he is not anti-foreign. In other words Chiang's bluff has been very successful in one capital in spite of all that local representatives can say. The leopard may have altered his cry but not his spots. This it seems is not apparent in Washington and the split among the Powers makes it appear that as usual nothing will be done. It was a shrewd comment by the *Daily Telegraph* on the presentation of the Powers' note, "Firmness has been sacrificed for unanimity." Brig. General Smedley Butler, commanding the American ma-

### DISARMAMENT.

#### JAPAN'S POLICY UNCHANGED.

Tokyo, May 4. Yesterday's Ministerial conference formally reached an agreement to confirm and adopt its predecessor's policy towards the tripartite disarmament conference.—Reuter.

ries here, also made a shrewd comment recently when he said to a certain correspondent "The typewriter has spoiled the art of war." It is true in this case at least. Instead of action we get diplomats drafting fancy notes on a unanimous line which it is naturally difficult to agree upon.

#### A Dinner.

Shanghai, April 29. Last night there was a merry gathering at the Majestic Hotel where Mr. Duo Tai-chi, local commissioner for Foreign Affairs, and Dr. C. C. Wu, Foreign Minister-elect of the Nanking Nationalist Government, were the guests of the foreign correspondents in Shanghai. It is understood that Dr. Wu has no intention of leaving Shanghai at present. Not unwisely he appears to be sitting on the fence although formally he has accepted the appointment offered him, it is understood.

#### Curfew.

As I had predicted, curfew is to be no more. Last night, although no official notice of any kind had appeared from the authorities of either concession or settlement, the restrictions were not enforced. At two o'clock people were ambulating about the streets unmolested. Officially I understand curfew will cease on Saturday and once again the so-called Paris of the Orient (goodness knows why it is so-called) will resume its usual hours of activity. We return to the life which Mr. Franck in his recent book of travel in China referred to somewhat scathingly. He said if God permitted Shanghai to exist he ought to apologise to Sodom and Gomorrah. One can only suppose that Mr. Franck was badly "stung" somewhere here at an unearthly hour of the morning.

#### Flying.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi is still busy protesting. He has, in a long letter to Sir Sydney Barton, reiterated his protest of ten days ago regarding British Aeroplanes flying over Chinese territory. He appears to have no objection to them flying over the international settlement. To his first protest he has received no reply whatever. He is probably justified in law in his protest but he is rather late.

#### The Communists.

The local representatives of Chiang Kai-shek are taking no half measures with Communists in this area. Two days ago a meeting of strikers with communist leanings was broken up by Nationalist troops who moved about in plain clothes. Three strikers were killed, many wounded and 150 taken prisoner. Now they have suppressed a new newspaper which the remnants of the Shanghai Labour Union had started.

To throw off suspicion, one supposes, it had been called the "Beautiful World." Troops raided the premises, seized the plant, made arrests and generally took

measures to see the paper would not be issued again. On the

premises were found quantities of

communist literature and a host

of leaflets denouncing Chiang Kai-shek as being worse than the

British Imperialists, Chang Tao-lin,

Chang Tsung-chang, Sun Chuan-

fang and Wu Pei-fu. All of which

goes to show how deeply the

Soviet teachings have sunk. A

month ago Chiang Kai-shek was

to these people the saviour of

China and their chosen leader but

now they would have him thrown

out of the country.

### MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

#### MORE PERSONS IMPERILLED.

New Orleans, May 4. A further 20,000 to 30,000 persons are imperilled by the floods. At Cabenetele, in north eastern Louisiana, a threefoot wall of water overflowed the levee, sweeping away the sandbags which were piled up to reinforce the embankment and inundated the farmlands and scores of villages which had to be evacuated by their inhabitants as the waters widened their sweep, flooding the plantations eight feet deep.

An airman who flew over the embankment reported that the break was 160 feet wide and rapidly widening.—Reuter's American Service.

#### RAILWAY DISASTER.

#### TRAIN CARRYING NOTABLES COLLIDES.

Madrid, May 4. Only a few minutes after the train conveying the Royal Family to Madrid from Seville passed the spot an express train carrying numerous well known persons, including the Portuguese Ambassador, returning from the fêtes at Seville, collided with a goods train thirty miles west of Cordova. Two were killed and several injured.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George were among the visitors at Seville and were due to join the royal train at Cordova, hence they were in nowise involved in the accident.—Reuter.

#### JAPANESE DIET.

#### EMPEROR PRESENT FIRST TIME IN DECADE.

Tokyo, May 4. For the first time since he ascended the Throne the new Emperor opened the Diet session today—the first time for a decade that the Emperor has attended the opening ceremony in person.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, which lasted barely ten minutes, the Lower House held its first session, only electing committees and leaving over special business for to-morrow when Baron Tanaka, Premier, will announce the Government's foreign and financial policies and present the relief bills for the purpose of which the Diet has been convened.—Reuter.

#### SOUTH AMERICA TRADE.

#### PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AND U. S. POLICY.

Washington, May 4. In an address at the third Pan American Commercial Conference, President Coolidge stated that during the twelve years ending 1925, the United States' share of South American exports averaged nearly forty per cent of the total—this was more than twice the share of Britain, who was America's nearest competitor—while America had since 1913 maintained the premier position in the import trade of South America, the amount of imports from the United States in 1926 being \$82 million dollars. The United States did not wish to participate in South American trade at the expense of other people, but upon a mutually just and equitable basis.

President Coolidge declared emphatically that all associations of the United States in the Pan American Union stood on an absolute equality with her and it was the established policy of the United States Government to use its resources not to burden but to assist them, not to control but to co-operate with them.—Reuter's American Service.

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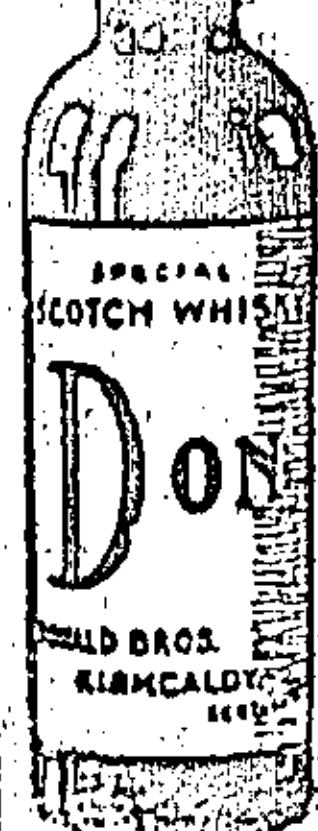
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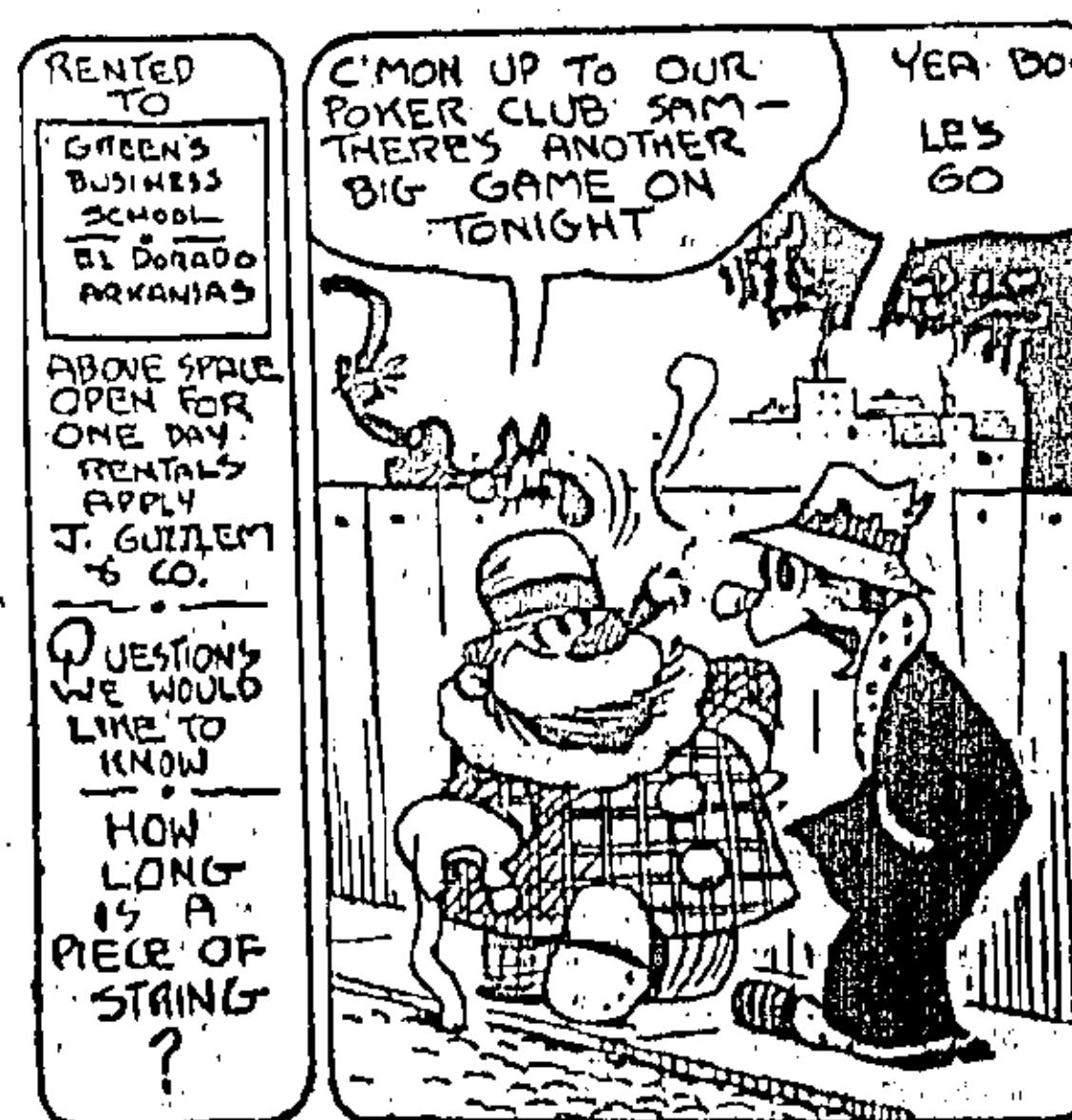
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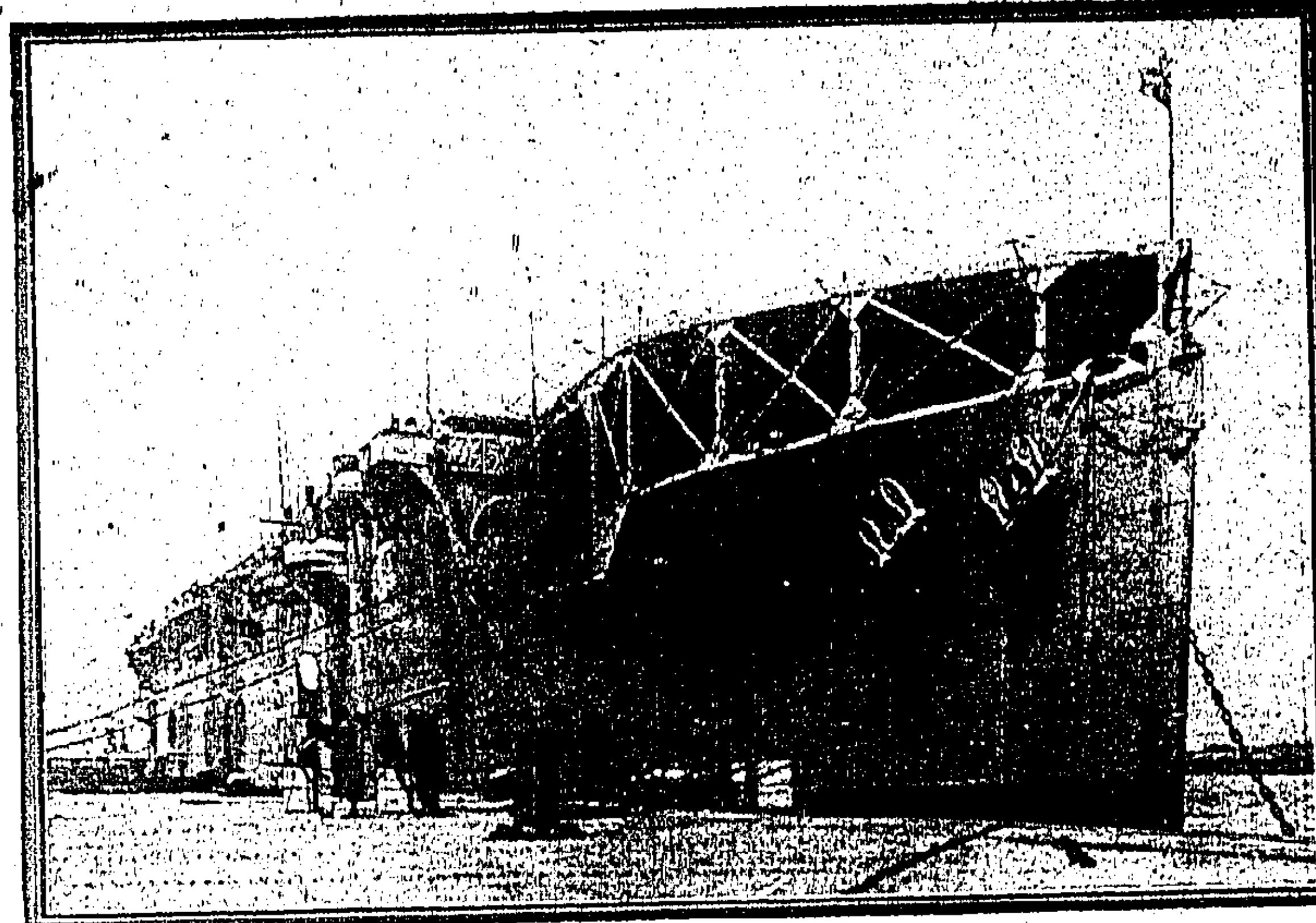
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CLUB HOUSE



H. M. S. ARGUS AT SHANGHAI.—A close-up view of the aeroplane carrier H. M. S. Argus, alongside the wharf after the planes which are now housed on the Race Course had been discharged at Shanghai.



BICESTER POINT-TO-POINT.—The Prince of Wales, riding his Cark Courier, which won the race for Lord Manners's Cup at the Bicester Point-to-Point Steeplechases at Hillesdon, near Buckinghamshire. Cark Courier (right) leading at the first fence. (Times copyright).



NEWTON BICENTENARY.—A scene outside Woolsthorpe Manor, near Grantham, the birthplace of Sir Isaac Newton, which was visited by a party of professors and eminent men of science during recent commemorations of the 200th anniversary of Newton's death. (Times copyright).



POPULAR SHANGHAI WEDDING.—Mr. Henry Maxted and his bride, Miss Anna Antonetta Ackerman, after their wedding recently in Shanghai at Holy Trinity Cathedral. The little flower girls are Misses Margaret and Frances Colter.



NANKING AFFAIR.—The American consulate at Nanking, (upper picture), which was looted in the course of the rioting which followed the capture of that city by the Cantonese. The converted yacht Isabel, flagship of the American patrol on the Yangtze river, from which Rear Admiral Hough threatened a general bombardment of Nanking unless beleaguered foreigners were freed.



VISITORS TO PRESIDENT.—Ambassador Paul Claudel, of France, and his daughter, Mademoiselle Reine Claudel, photographed soon after their arrival in Washington.



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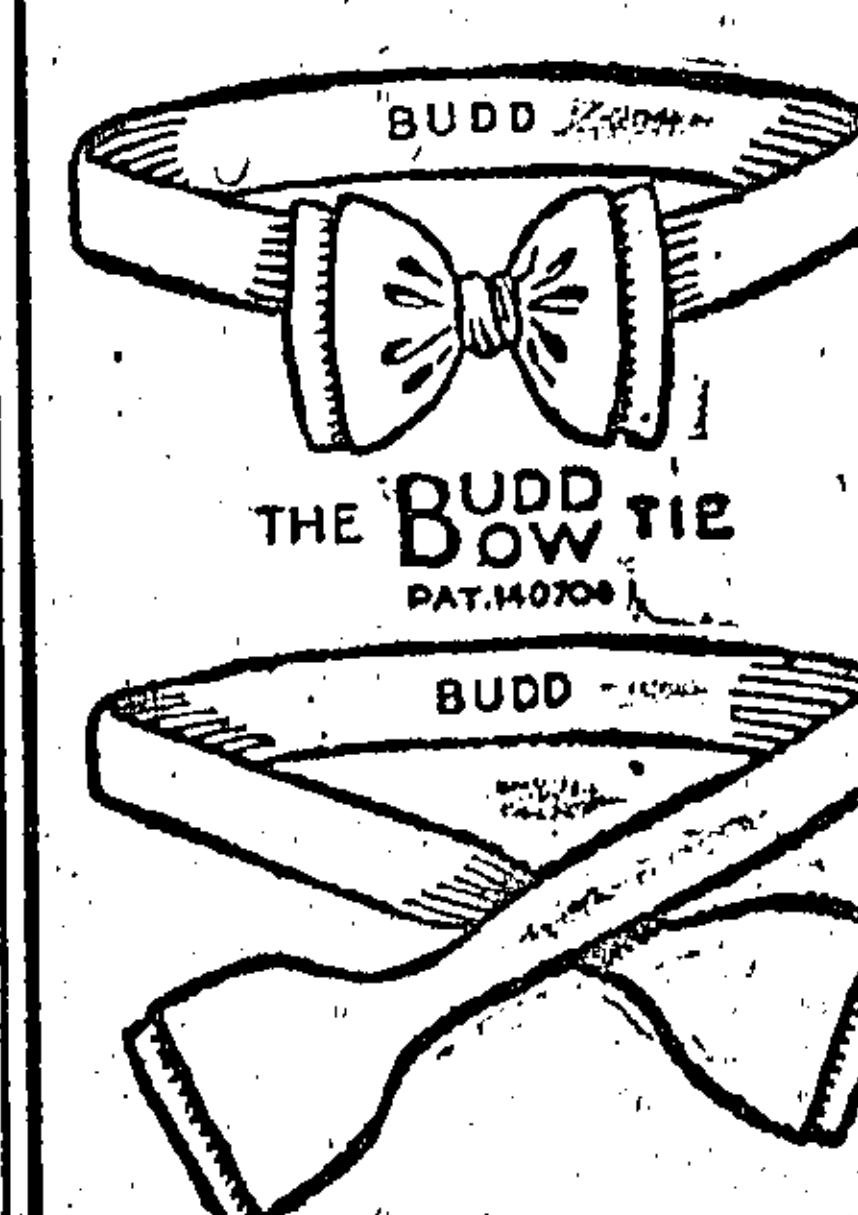
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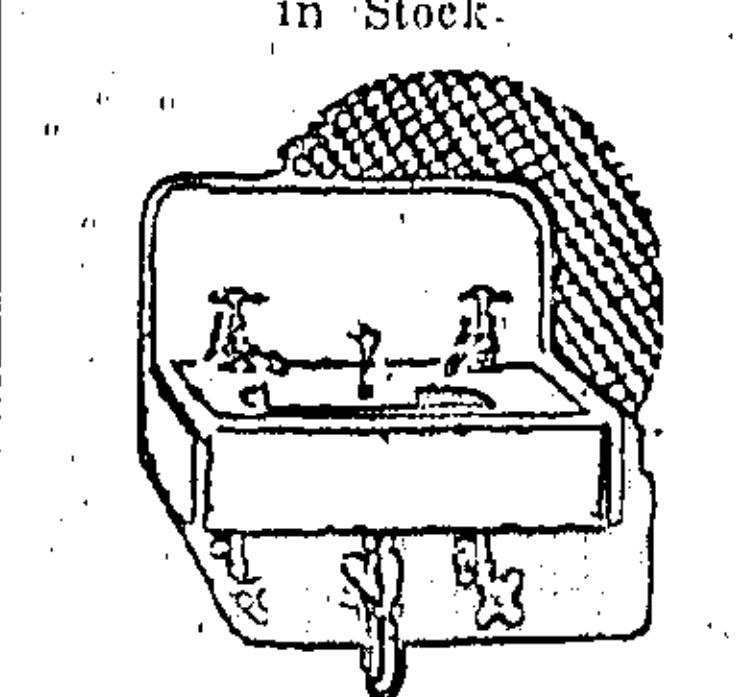
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"Rose Marie" ended its run at Drury Lane Theatre, London, last month after 851 performances extending over 105 weeks, and the theatre is sold out for what promises to be a great—although rather sad—occasion.

Not since "Chu Chin Chow," which had more than 2000 performances, mostly during the war at His Majesty's Theatre, has London had a musical play comparable with "Rose Marie." The following figures of its receipts and expenses are note-worthy:

More than 2,000,000 people have seen it.

The receipts have been approximately £70,000.

Nearly \$50,000 programmes have been sold.

The salary list has been £2000 a week.

More than £67,000 has gone to the United States in fees to authors and composers. (Income tax has not been deducted from this sum.)

The profits from the play have been about £170,000.

Sixty chorus girls have had three new sets of costumes for the "totem" dance number.

2,500 costumes, 3,000 pairs of sheets and 3200 pairs of silk stockings have been used.

Of the 40 members of the orchestra at least half have never seen the play. A woman harpist recently had her first "night off" during the run and sat in the audience. A programme girl at the theatre attended an audition for a touring company and was engaged as a member of the chorus. She knew the piece thoroughly.

Bengal is in the grip of a grave cholera epidemic. Fifteen thousand deaths occurred in the quarter ended December. The position has not improved, and unless heavy rains occur the Public Health Department's estimate of 10,000 deaths in April will be greatly exceeded. A dozen deaths are reported in a single family, and whole villages are decimated. The position in Calcutta is alarming. The weekly returns show 200 attacks.

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### THREATENED WITH CARBINE.

INDIAN GUARD'S RASH ACT.

A big crowd collected at Bonham Strand, in the native business quarter, yesterday, attracted by the spectacle of a Chinese struggling with an Indian guard who held his carbine in a threatening manner. Central Station received a report over the telephone, the sequel to this being that the Indian appeared before Major C. Wilson this morning on a charge of assault, brought by the Chinese.

The complainant, Lee Man, a salesman of one of the firms in the Nam Pak Hong quarter, deposed that two Indian guards who were stationed in this locality were indulging in some rough horse-play in the street; and as he passed along defendant, who was one of these Indians, knocked him to the ground. He got up and remonstrated that a policeman should not play in the street. Defendant accused him of being "cheeky" and struck him with his carbine, the blow catching him lightly on the arm.

It was then that witness caught the Indian by the coat, and the latter pointed his carbine as if on the point of shooting. On observing this, a would-be peacemaker who had stepped out of his car to investigate, was seized with panic and ran into a shop nearby to take refuge behind closed doors. Other shops also closed their doors.

Witness ran away. He went into a shop from where he telephoned to the Central Police Station and laid his complaint.

#### Was It Landed?

Examined by Mr. Sparrow, A.S.I., witness said that he could not say whether the Indian had loaded his carbine, but at any rate the Indian had at least two rounds of ammunition in one hand while he held the carbine with the other. Asked why he should take upon himself the duty of warning the guard as to how he should conduct himself, witness pointed out that, from being knocked down, he had some interest in the matter. If the Indians had not played as they did in the street witness said he would not have been knocked down.

Mr. Kwoh Hin-wang, who stated that he was managing director of the Hin Fat Steamship Company, 81 Bonham Strand, corroborated the complainant's evidence. He said that, further progress being obstructed by the crowd, he got down from his car to speak to the complainant and was in his turn threatened by the defendant with the gun. Witness ran into a shop nearby, and got into the back door through the back door.

Questioned by Mr. Sparrow, witness said that the crowd did not appear to him to be hostile, although they were naturally apprehensive of the fact that the Indian was holding up his carbine as if to shoot them.

A Chinese detective who was sent down from the Central Police Station to enquire into the case, said that when he got to the scene, the defendant was still engaged in an argument with the complainant, and the former had two rounds of ammunition in one hand. Witness took both parties back to the Station, and just before they entered it, witness saw the Indian seize hold of the complainant by his coat.

Witness supposed that the Indian did this because he was anxious that he should not be misunderstood and to show that he himself had a complaint against the complainant.

Defendant made a statement in which he complained of having been bumped into by the complainant while he was patrolling the street, and of being struck at without any warning.

He naturally retaliated, and before long had to have recourse to his carbine to frighten the crowd off. They were all closing in on him as he backed against a wall, and had he not kept them at bay, pointing his carbine this way and that, he would assuredly have been mauled by the crowd.

Defendant described the evidence given by the various witnesses as absolutely untrue. He accused them of having walked up to him and striking him in the chest with their clenched fists.

Referring to the detective's evidence, defendant also stated that he caught hold of the complainant just before going into the Police Station because it seemed to him that the charge should be wholly borne by the complainant.

The Police Inspector who presided over the charge, took very little heed of his own ease. He was made defendant on the charge and was required to bail himself out with \$50.

His Worship said he was satisfied with the evidence given by the witnesses, and found the charge of assault proved against the defendant, who would be fined \$50. His Worship thought defendant was a most unfit person to be entrusted with a carbine and ammunition, and directed that this view be communicated to the Captain Superintendent of Police.

Secondly, Mr. Mellon has probably made a miscalculation because he apparently includes in Britain's receipts from France sums comprising a private transac-

### BRITISH TAXPAYERS' BURDEN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

debts, taken together, more than she pays to America. The policy of the British Government on this subject has been repeatedly declared. It is not their desire to retain for Britain anything out of the receipts from reparations and inter-Allied war debts.

#### Will Force Receipts.

In the event of receipts from inter-Allied war debts and reparations exceeding the payments made by them to the United States Government, they have undertaken to reduce proportionately the payments to be made to Britain in respect of inter-All



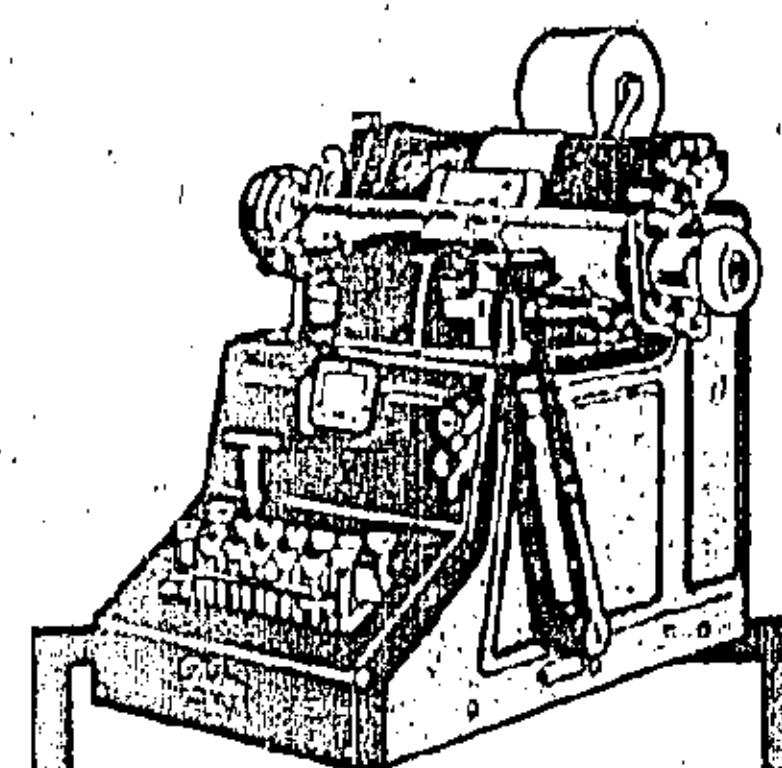
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political men such as Dr. C. G. Wu and others of his type come into power with the powerful support of Chiang behind them, there will most certainly be presented a bright opportunity of making the Nationalist party of real benefit to China instead of the disturbance it has largely been hitherto. We cannot see how the Hankow forces can hope to survive a concerted attack such as is outlined in the latest news. To the North there are the forces of Marshal Chang Tsung-chang, to the west there are the forces of General Yang Sen, the Szechuan warlord who came so much into prominence by his precipitation of the Wanhsien affair, to the south there are the forces of Canton, while to the east there is Marshal Chiang Kai-shek himself with the proved Nationalist forces which fought their way to Shanghai and Nanking against the opposition of Marshals Sun Chun-fang and Chang Tsung-chang. Added to this array from outside is the threat of dissension within, for it will be remembered that General Tang Sang-chi recently resigned his post of "generalissimo" owing to jealousy. That act must have left its impress on those lower down the scale. Viewing the situation generally one is led to the conclusion that if the present announcement by Chiang means anything at all the days of the Hankow party are numbered.

**DAY BY DAY.**

IT IS BY ATTEMPTING TO REACH TO THE TOP AT A SINGLE LEAP THAT SO MUCH MISERY IS PRODUCED IN THE WORLD.—Cobett.

We are informed by the Chinese Telegraphs Administration that formal working with Canton has now been resumed.

There were four more Chinese cases of typhoid fever reported yesterday, and also two of smallpox and one of diphtheria.

The B. I. and Appear.s. Takiwa is expected to leave Amoy to-morrow, and to arrive here about noon on Saturday.

The Annual Meeting of Worshippers at the Peak Church will be held in the Cathedral Hall on Friday, May the 6th at 5.30 p.m.

Among those arriving by the s.s. Tanda to-day from Sydney were:—Mr. G. Bonham Carter, Mr. J. H. Lindsay, Mr. R. Keswick and Mr. H. Studholme.

A sack of rice, which was being unloaded from a lighter at the Western Praya, dropped on one of the boatmen and injured his back. The man died at the Government Civil Hospital this morning.

The assistant manager of a leather shop at No. 17, Lascar Row, has reported to the police that one of his Tokis is missing, after having been entrusted with a sum of \$3,700 to pay to various firms.

Mr. Robert MacAllan, of the China Sugar Refinery, reported to the police yesterday that a gold watch and chain, valued at \$100, were abstracted from his jacket which was left in the sugar-boiling house.

While feeding material to a machine at the Rope Factory at Kennedy Town, a workman had his hand severely injured through it being drawn into the mechanism. The man was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A Chinese coolie was sentenced this morning to two weeks' hard labour by Major C. Wilson, being convicted on the unusual charge of stealing a fish. The coolie stated that he was employed to carry the fish from the wharf to the market and the freshness of the fish tempted him to steal one. The fish was produced in court. It was over two feet long and was priced at a little over a dollar.

A Chinese youth was sentenced this morning by Major C. Wilson to two weeks' hard labour for stealing nine baskets from a shop in Wing Lok Street. Defendant denied the charge and explained that the baskets were lying in the road and he picked them up. His Worship reminded the defendant that the baskets were new, whereupon defendant said that he picked them up outside a shop and that the shop people were asleep.

## POLICE AMBUSH.

HOW TWO THIEVES WERE  
CAUGHT.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed on two Chinese, who were charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with larceny of six scaffolding poles from contractor's premises in Mongkok in the early morning of Monday last.

It was stated by Sergeant Kennedy that, on receipt of a report of the loss of the poles almost immediately after the larceny at about 1 a.m. on Monday last, a party of detectives went in search of the thieves, who were traced along the Tai Po Road.

The detectives after searching for some time came across the poles abandoned on the roadside. The Police went into ambush and Sergeant Kennedy fired one shot into the air, with the result that two men rushed out of the bushes where they had concealed themselves on the approach of the Police.

These two men were charged before the Magistrate this morning and admitted a charge of larceny.

SINGAPORE FLYING  
CLUB.

## HARBOUR BOARD GRANT.

Notification has been received by the Singapore Flying Club, from the Singapore Harbour Board, that they have been granted an area of 10,000 square feet of land adjoining that occupied by the Royal Singapore Yacht Club. It is understood that the Club will thus have the use of a water frontage of about 500 feet.

SUNNING PIRACY  
COMMISSION.SHANGHAI COMMENT ON  
REPORT.

The Sunning Piracy Commission has obviously discovered nothing new in connexion with piracy on the China Coast, but some of its recommendations are deserving of special attention; says the latest copy of *Shipping and Engineering* (Shanghai).

Chief and foremost is that which advocates the revision of the whole of the Hongkong Piracy Regulations. What a tragedy! And what a nasty blow for the Hongkong Government. The Regulations have been in force for exactly three years. They replaced others equally ill-advised and unsuitable, and were put into operation against the opinion and advice of the people who were really in a position to speak with authority on the piracy question. The officers have known that the Regulations were grossly unsatisfactory, and so have the owners; but, in spite of piracy after piracy, the Regulations were still kept intact and inviolable, a semi-permanent monument to the lack of knowledge and understanding of the piracy problem by those who were responsible for their issuance.

The master and officers of any ship pirated are still expected to resist the pirates. After the Sunning affair it may seem comparatively easy—but the Sunning piracy probably taught the pirates a lesson they will never forget, and it is extremely unlikely that the affair will ever be repeated. This matter of resisting is interesting.

There are, on the average, six officers (including the master) on the average China Coast vessel. It is not unreasonable to assume that normally at least two of these six will mostly be asleep. The numerical strength of the average gang of China Coast pirates is about 32. They are invariably armed. Odds of eight to one! Add to this the element of surprise, which invariably must be in favour of the pirates, and the probabilities of successful resistance become very slender. There are, of course, the armed guards; but we understand that the question of guards is at present so delicate a matter that it will hardly bear being commented on.

But we would ask one question, and one only: During the whole series of piracies in south China waters, which started in December, 1921, and which still continues more or less unchecked, how many instances have there been where armed guards have fully justified their presence or proved worthy of their trust? The answer to that question will supply the best commentary on the usefulness of armed guards.

MR. KEETON'S  
FAREWELL.

## ENTERTAINED BY STUDENTS.

The Association of Past and Present Commercial Students gave a Farewell tea party yesterday to their Hon. Vice-President, Mr. G. W. Keeton, who is leaving the Colony on the 14th instant. A group photograph was taken before the function.

The Chairman, Mr. Theng Khay Hua, paid an eloquent tribute to Mr. Keeton for his genial personality and his lack of any trait of superiority-complex, a feature which he said, often affected many learned, great and also well-meaning men.

Mr. B. M. Talati, the Graduate Secretary, mentioned that he had the privilege of knowing Mr. Keeton since his arrival in Hongkong and also of attending his lectures in Jurisprudence and Law, and had found in him a true friend and one who took a personal interest in each of his students.

Mr. Talati also referred to the keen interest Mr. Keeton has taken in the welfare of the Association and the University in general and expressed the hope that he may one day be able to fulfil his ambition of organising a Law School in the University.

Mr. Wei Tat spoke very highly about Mr. Keeton's deep knowledge and the study he has made of China and her legal system and said that in him the Chinese had a true friend—one who tried to understand her needs, and added that it is such persons that are wanted at the present moment to bring about a better understanding between the East and the West.

Mr. Lim Peng-tiong dwelt on Mr. Keeton's sociable nature and his rare gift of making friends with all those with whom he came into contact with, and wished him a very bright and happy future.

The speakers for all the kind words they had said about him and expressed how sorry he felt to find that he had to leave the Colony. He said that the more he knew about China, the more interest he took in her and the more he came to like her. He also referred to his happy associations with all his students, past and present and as-

*The Very Idea!*

Attendant—"There's a man outside, sir, wants to know if any of the patients have escaped lately."

Head of asylum—"Why does he ask?"

Attendant—"He says someone has run away with his wife."

They used to talk across the fence,  
And have their morning say,  
But now that's over 'cause the wind  
Just blew the fence away.

The application was renewed at Chesterfield by the Miners' Welfare Committee for a licence to produce George Bernard Shaw's play, "The Devil's Disciple," but it was refused because the applicant could not assure the Magistrates that it was licensed by the Lord Chamberlain.

The chairman stated that when the first application was made on Saturday not only were the Magistrates ignorant of the authorship of the play, but when inquiries were made at the public library the staff there said they had never heard of it.

Mr. Lynch, who made the application—We are trying to educate the members.

Mr. Chambers, a Magistrate—Why associate them with "The Devil's Disciple"?—Why not take the other side and take them upwards. (Laughter.) Have you read the play, Mr. Lynch?

Mr. Lynch—Not the play itself. (Laughter.)

Nottingham solicitor—If I saw a gravestone offered at a bargain price I should buy it!

Mr. Caneelor (Marlborough-street magistrate): Sufficient unto the day is the charge thereof.

Man at Willesden: I am quite innocent of law.

Man, at Old-street: How do you know the horse is so old? Veterinary surgeon; He has got his birth certificate on his teeth.

The Municipal Council of Londonderry, Nova Scotia, recently decided that the local gaol, which had not housed a prisoner for many years, was an expensive luxury, and sold it to the highest bidder.

Victor J. Holland, the local cobbler, offered £7, and found himself in possession. The gaol was built in 1882 and is complete with iron bars and straw.

Some people regard music as the devil's best ally.—Rev. J. R. W. Roddie.

A telegraph post only retaliates when a motor car attacks it.—Lord Dewar.

"Let me have the child and I will answer for international peace.—Sir James Parr.

An orator always says more than he means and diplomat never says all he means.—Sir John Goodwin.

A rock garden, 180 feet above the London streets, is being completed on the roof of Adelaide House, overlooking London Bridge. Tons of Westmorland limestone have been carried to the roof; in this will be planted some fifty varieties of alpine shrubs and plants, suited to the London climate. The plants are protected from the fierce winds that blow from the mouth of the Thames by a surrounding wall. Apple, plum, and fig trees have already been planted, and show every sign of growing well. An old gardener, who has come from Gloucestershire to take charge, has only one regret. "I don't hear larks sing up here," he says.

The man and the girl were alone on the lawn in the moonlight. She had become incredibly sentimental, and turning towards him said in a far-away voice, "And would you have loved me just the same if you had never met me?"

Census-takers have discovered, far in the mountains of Northern Japan, a village which was lost from the world.

Its 152 inhabitants do not speak modern Japanese. They dress in styles of centuries gone by, blacken their teeth, live entirely on fruits and vegetables, and none of them had ever heard of the outside world.

Investigators think they descended from the Heike clan, which was defeated by the warring Genji about 700 years ago. Its survivors fled and disappeared into the mountains.

sured them that he would never forget the three happy years he had spent among them.

In conclusion, Mr. Keeton thanked the members for the honour they had done him and hoped he will be able to meet them again either in England or in Hongkong.—Contributed.

## MARINE ENQUIRY.

## THE ANJOU-WING ON COLLISION.

## THE CASE CONCLUDED.

On the resumption of the Marine Enquiry this morning Lai Man San, employed as a photographer by Ah Fong put in pictures of the Anjou's stern, damaged in the collision.

Chung-Mun, quartermaster of the Anjou, recounted the events of getting under way and helm movements on the night of April 20. Witness corroborated the statements of the pilot in the matter of whistle blasts and the collision.

According to the interpreter, witness stated that he put the wheel to starboard to bring the ship's head to port. Eventually, using a sheet of blotting paper as the wheel, witness illustrated wheel movements to the satisfaction of the Court. The helm had been starboarded.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hugh-Jones, witness said that the Anjou had no wheel-house, and he was able to see the Wing On pass along the port side of the Anjou. The Anjou was first under way and he had not seen the Wing On moving, the Anjou passing under her stern while she was still at anchor.

Questioned by the President, witness stated that when the Anjou was almost heading East there had been another engine room signal. He did not know what it was.

## Engineer's Evidence.

In Chu, the third engineer of the Anjou, stated that he received orders to "Stand by" in the engine room at 8.22 p.m. and at 8.36 p.m. a further order "Half ahead starboard" — "Half astern port." At 8.39 p.m. "Half ahead both" was received, and at 8.42 p.m. "Stop." Witness had chalked all engine movements on the blackboard provided "for the purpose, these latter being entered in the engine room log by the engineer."

At about 8.40, the collision occurred and witness then sent for the second engineer to come down, as he did not know what had happened. The second engineer came and made log entries from the blackboard.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hugh-Jones, witness stated that his idea in sending for the second engineer was to get the blackboard notes copied into the log, as he did not know what was happening to the ships.

## Only One Engineer.

It was further elicited that in the Anjou, only the engineer on watch and one greaser was present in the engine-room when the ship got under way.

President—Why did you send for the second engineer in preference to the Chief Engineer?

Witness—The second engineer is next above me, therefore I sent for him.

President—When was the last time you saw the Chief Engineer in the engine room prior to the collision?

Witness—I did not see him.

President—Was he in the engine room that day?

Witness—I did not see him.

President—Was he on board?

Witness—Yes.

Chan Man, the second engineer of the Anjou was unable to produce a certificate recognisable by the Court. The markings on the blackboard were times of arrivals, departures and engine movements, for the information of the first engineer.

## A Rough Log.

On the night of the collision, witness said he was sent for by the second engineer and he proceeded to the engine-room and copied the records from the board to the engine-room log. Witness explained certain hieroglyphics which counsel described as "an X" and "an M upside down," as meaning "Stand by" and "Half speed ahead." These entries in a small "rough" log were examined by officers of the Court and witness gave exhibitions of his logging methods.

Questioned on certain of the entries in this "rough" log by the President, witness gave a confused rendering of the figures therein. The system of symbols were characterised as being "absolutely unreliable" and being such as to be unacceptable as evidence, in that they were being interpreted by witness just as he thought fit.

Mr. Fitzroy admitted that, under the circumstances, the hieroglyphic entries might be considered as "unsatisfactory."

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## EUROPEAN SHIPMASTER FINED.

## COMPRADORE'S EVIDENCE.

## HONAN WARFARE.

## HOW THE SOUTHERNERS ADVANCED.

## INEFFECTUAL RESISTANCE.

The adjourned case against Captain Midgeley, of the s.s. Tai Lee, charged with working cargo on Sunday without a permit, was reopened yesterday at the Marine Court, when the second compradore was called.

Witness stated that the eight bags of flour found in the galley were provisions for the passengers, and no freight had been charged in respect of this. He did not tell the police officer that 5 cents freight had been charged on each bag.

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suggested by Mr. Hugh-Jones that certain of the entries had been over-written. Close scrutiny of the book was made by the several members of the Court, without opinion being expressed.

Re-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, witness stated that the doubtful markings in the "rough" log were due to the force with which the pencil was used; all had been made in the book with the one pen immediately after the collision.

Lt. Commdr. Pitcairn Jones—At the time of the collision you were in your cabin?

Witness—Yes.

Lt. Commdr. Pitcairn Jones—Did you feel the collision?

Witness—Yes; I was shaken.

Lt. Commdr. Pitcairn Jones—What did you do on reaching the engine room?

Witness—I wrote down the figures from the board.

Lt. Commdr. Pitcairn Jones—Did that strike you as being your most important duty?

Witness—Yes.

Captain Ritchie—Did you send for the Chief Engineer?

Witness—No.

President—Did you see the Chief Engineer on April 20?

Witness—Yes, once, but I do not know at what time.

## Summing Up.

Mr. Fitzroy, addressing the Court, summed up the evidence and made a comparison of the times at which the vessels got under way. The Wing On's movements as given in the master's evidence were compared with log entries and Mr. Fitzroy claimed to find therein certain discrepancies. When movement of ships were being illustrated by Mr. Fitzroy, the President pointed out that all witnesses had disregarded width of ships, they having in all cases been treated as straight lines. Also, the Court had ascertained that the width of the channel at the point of the collision was 700 yards—three and half cables.

By means of the models and the distances as given by the Wing On pilot it was illustrated that the Anjou would have had to go astern for one third of a mile, "something which no seaman would ever do under the circumstances."

It was suggested that the Wing On had been an overtaking ship and had come clear over from the North bank to swing two points or more beyond East and, reaching mid-channel, was solely responsible for the collision.

## Pilot Navigator.

Mr. Hugh-Jones, pointed out in his summary that it was obvious that the Anjou was being navigated "Stand by" and "Half speed ahead." These entries in a small "rough" log were examined by officers of the Court and witness gave exhibitions of his logging methods.

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## PRAISE FOR CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

## WELL BEHAVED MEN IN HIS ARMY.

## THE KIANGSI MARCH.

North-east Kiangsi has had its full share of war conditions. It is estimated that from November to March 12,000 to 150,000 troops passed through the district. Thousands of these were billeted in mission premises, even though all other places, specially set up for their use, remained empty.

What that entailed is only too well-known in many provinces, and now the telegraph lines too are cut, except toward the north, so we are pretty well isolated. Last week, the four lady missionaries who have been residing at Taibei were passed on to Pengpu, and there, on the very day of their arrival, they were able to get passage on a special train north as far as Hsiaochowfu, and so well out of the danger zone. As soon as they were passed on to safety, all was ready here, so far as we were concerned, for the expected developments.

**Useless Proclamation.**

The proclamation put out by Gen. Chiang proved of no avail. When shortly after its appearance, a petty officer insisted on taking possession by force, someone ventured to ask, "Is not a soldier supposed to obey the orders of his Commander-in-Chief?" "I know nothing about it" was the laconic reply. The proclamation then was pointed out to him, but without turning his eyes in that direction, he gave the answer, "Oh yes, I know." No further argument was attempted.

From the beginning of April, there seemed to be full, we were told that no more soldiers were expected to pass this way, and we were contemplating a house-cleaning and some repairs, both of which had proved utterly futile before, but before a start was made, another big invasion came as a bolt from the blue. They proved to be the soldiers of Gen. Chiang on their way to join him at Shanghai.

**Praise for Officers.**

When asked why they took this round-about way, when a few days earlier they had taken them to Shanghai via Kiukiang, one of them answered "Oh, you don't know. It is because we feared we might be disarmed by the enemies of Gen. Chiang." They were intensely loyal to him, and pacified the city with all sorts of posters, such as "Down with Tang Seng-chi and Chang Chien!" Down with all dictators and those who seek to upset the Nationalists! Down with all Bolsheviks!" etc., strongly denouncing all belonging to the Left Wing.

They, too, occupied both the Roman Catholic and Protestant premises, regardless of their leader's command. It must be said to the credit of the officers that they tried to give as little trouble as possible. All the officers were very polite and most friendly, and in no way anti-Christian, never interfering with the services of daily morning prayers. The verdict in these parts is, that if Gen. Chiang and his followers could get the upper hand, all yet might be well with China.—*N. C. News*.

**The Southerners** quartered themselves everywhere, making an effort to avoid imposing themselves upon private families. They occupy most of the mission premises, chapels, school rooms, guest halls and other rooms, leaving us our own residential courtyard and that occupied by the native pastor. The officers were polite and apologetic, and assured us that it would not be for long, as they soon would be moving on. They also have occupied the Mohammedan mosques, temples, schools and all other public buildings.

**The Hymn of Hate.**

It is evident that the men are well fed with anti-foreign propaganda, and that they hate the foreigner, as a foreigner, regardless of who he may be. The streets are plentifully embellished with propaganda posters, in which Great Britain specially is mentioned as a Power to be opposed. One poster proclaims equal rights for the sexes, and this principle is carried to such an extent that there is a contingent of female soldiers in this army.

The city of Showchow, 60 li distant, has not yet capitulated to the Nationalists, its wall being a strong one for defence, but, as it is cut off on all sides, its surrender is only a question of time. Pengpu no doubt is the present military objective. The Pengpu mail route probably will remain closed for some considerable time, until the railway ceases to be monopolized for military purposes.

On the 10th instant, the soldiers who were occupying our premises marched out, and we were expected to take things over again, but we found the Military Red Cross Corps marching in, without so much as asking permission. In the recent fighting, the Nationalists admit 40 killed and 300 wounded. As the Northerners fought from cover, their casualties were much less.

On the balance, the credibility of evidence was in favour of the Wing On; all witnesses having given unshakable testimony.

Captain Webster knew little of what was happening, the Anjou having been in the hands of the pilot, while on the other hand the Wing On was being handled by an experienced master, who had his certificate at stake.

The Court then adjourned to the afternoon to consider the finding.

Fears were entertained in mail week for the safety of an Englishman, Mr. F. B. Maltby, who left Pau for Cauterets and Lake Gaube. There had been heavy snow in the mountains; and since Mr. Maltby had not been heard from, search was but in vain. Mrs. Maltby and the children were staying in a villa in Pau.

This is the most backward spring of my recollection in China. We are approaching the middle of April, and have had very little sunshine and very little good growing weather. The prospect is not good for the wheat crop.

## A MINOR TYPHOID EPIDEMIC.

## 27 CASES DURING 15 DAYS.

## "NO GENERAL DANGER."

Quite a number of the Chinese cases of typhoid reported recently have been small children, some of them, between the ages of four and twelve months, and that this should be the case is outrageous, said Dr. D. W. Pope, the Medical Officer of Health to a Telegraph representative this morning.

Four more Chinese cases of typhoid infection were reported yesterday, bringing the total to twenty-seven in the past fifteen days. The increasing incidence is due largely to the hot weather, which naturally gives the "bug" a greater chance to live.

When questioned regarding the cause of the present minor epidemic, Dr. Pope said that he thought the cases came from the type of person who would have no hesitation in drinking nullah water if her or she felt thirsty. The infection was obviously not connected with the Colony's ordinary water supply, or milk, for the simple reason that there had been only eight European cases since the beginning of the year—ordinary sporadic cases, bound to occur in tropical climates.

Dr. Pope said that there was no danger to the general public in the present outbreak. Some of the European cases reported could be traced to their origin, and he mentioned the case of two young men who had indulged in an oyster supper, and both were infected with typhoid.

The M. O. H. stressed the need for care in one's food and personal cleanliness.

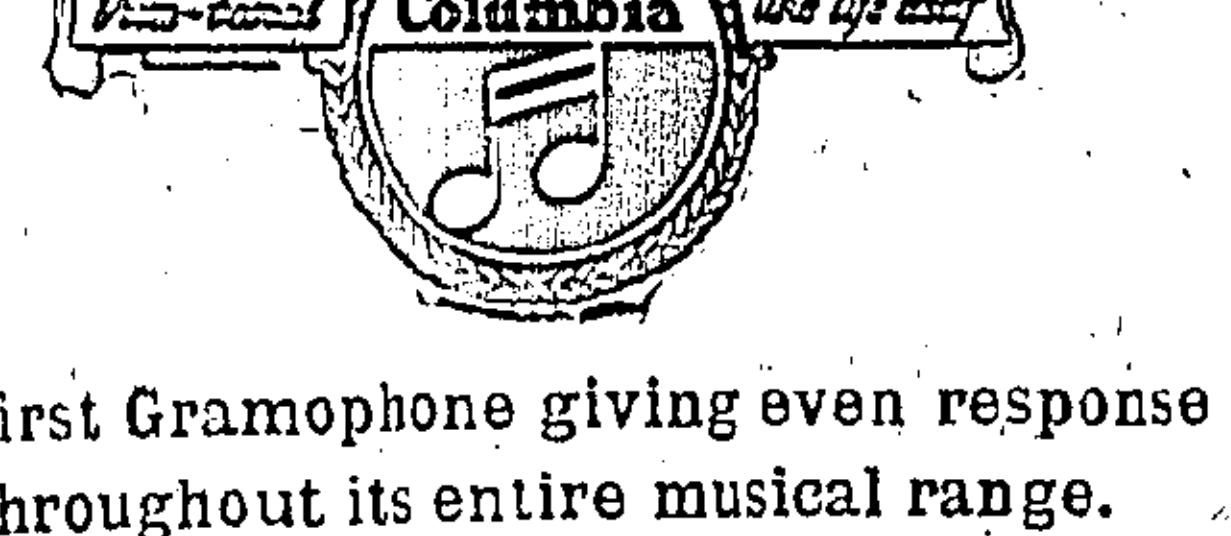
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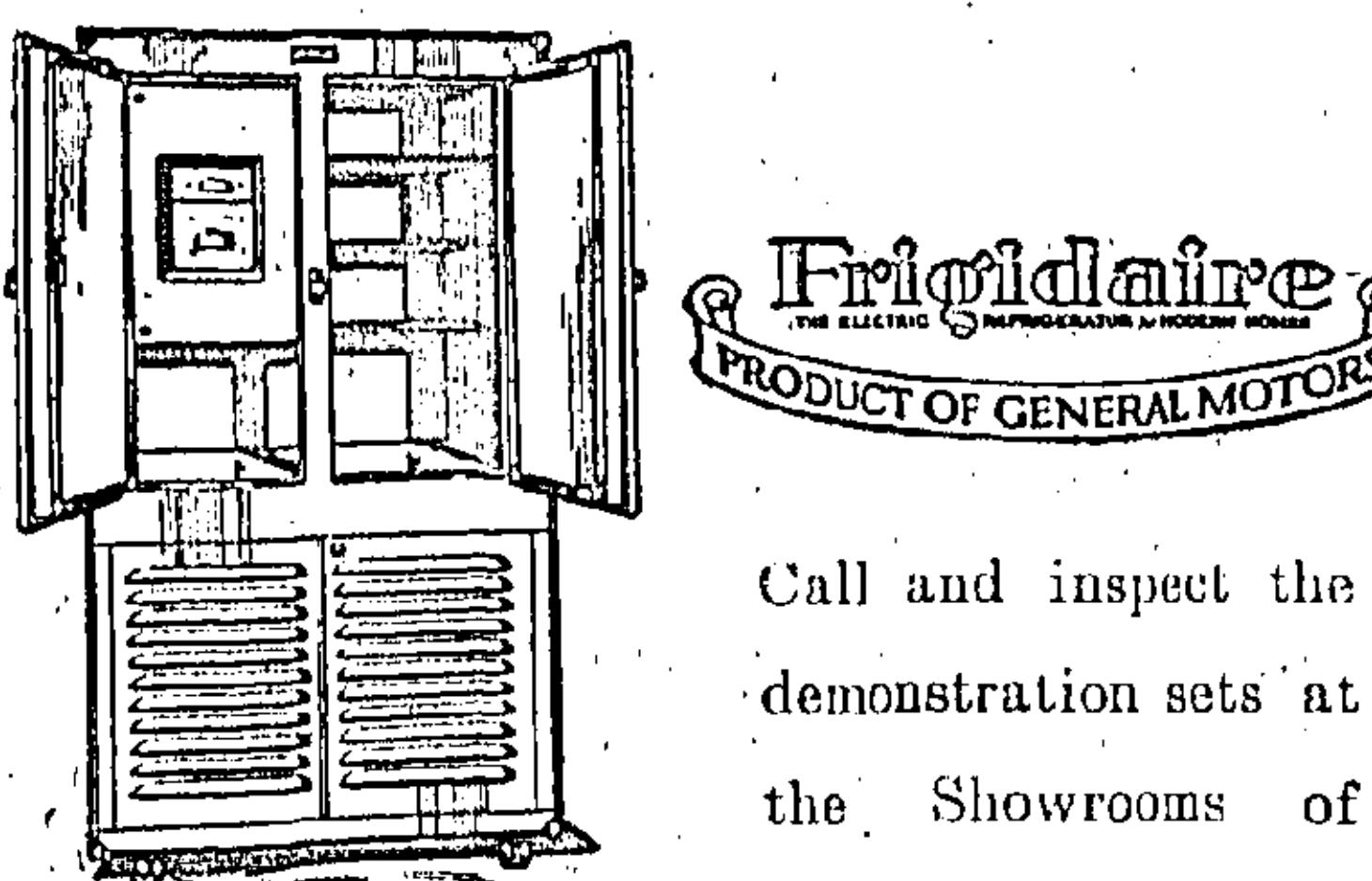
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## RUSSIA'S METHOD.

USING CHINESE AS PROPAGANDISTS.

### FRONTIER POSTS WATCHED.

Harbin, April 18.  
Instructions have been issued to the frontier stations to "stop all Chinese citizens entering Soviet Russia, the order being signed by the Civil Administrator of the Special Area. The reason of this order on the part of the Chinese authorities is that amongst the papers seized in Peking, it was found that a Soviet organisation exists for the purpose of taking Chinese to Irkutsk and there teaching them how to spread communistic propaganda, after which they are sent back to China to sow the seeds of communism throughout the country. Thus the Soviet are using Chinese citizens to spread their propaganda instead of sending Russians into China.

Harbin's First Public Library.

A couple of years ago the Municipal Council started the idea of forming a Public Library and books were collected for the commencement. On the formation of the Board of Education last year, it was decided to hand over the Library idea to Mr. Li Shao-keng, the energetic chief of this department, and yesterday the new Library was formally opened. It has large and spacious rooms with shelving for 60,000 books but for the opening ceremony there were only 8,000 books, nearly all Russian ones. It is proposed to open smaller libraries in the suburbs.

The Tramway Advances.

At present tramway work is going on apace and all along, the road men are busy with the laying of the line. The contractors say that by October the first tram will be running in Harbin, and thus after waiting about eight years the long promised tram will be running. The town is spreading in every direction and it is very important to have good communication for the increasing population.

Epidemic of Young Lovers.

During the week there have been several cases of attempted suicide by youths who were thrown over by their girl friends. One of these young men, aged 19, entered a box in a cinema house and shot himself with a revolver. Another last night killed the youth who had made friends with the girl. In this case the two youths were only 15 years of age and the girl 14.

Soviet Army Boots Seized.

The Customs at Manchuli station have seized 2,500 pairs of army boots which were consigned to the Soviet Government firm known as the Gostorgoff. The boots were packed in different parcels and were despatched by different firms from different towns in Russia with the object of getting through the Customs. It is supposed that they were intended for men in Manchuria to form a military rising against the Government.

Sungari Navigation Opens.

The ice in the river has gone entirely and navigation is open. Two days ago the first steamers went down the river and it is expected that a large quantity of grain will arrive here next week. The water this year is not very high and it is feared that crossing the rapids will be difficult.

The Soviet and China.

The breaking off by the Soviet government of diplomatic relations has caused much talk in Harbin and all along the C.E.R. railway line, and many are wondering whether the result will be that the Mukden agreement will be cancelled and the Soviet managers sent back to Russia. During the past few days there have been many applications for visas by Soviet citizens who seem to be anxious to leave the town, but there does not seem to be any need for them to be at all anxious as matters here are perfectly quiet.

The Chinese authorities are fully aware of all that is going on and will not allow any riots or excesses. The most interesting point at present is whether the Soviet Consulate at Harbin will be closed or not. The closing of the Embassy at Peking is considered by many as tantamount to closing all Soviet official institutions in China, but the Soviet side seem to consider that the rupture of diplomatic relations does not necessarily mean closing the Consulates which they ever must be kept open for general business, especially visas. If there is no Soviet Consulate, no visas would be obtainable and then how could foreigners travel by the Siberian railway? During the week one of the members of the C. E. R. Board, Mr. Gekker, visited the Civil Ad-

## WILBUR PLAYERS.

OPENING ON WEDNESDAY WEEK.

The Wilbur Players, now appearing at the Embassy Theatre, Shanghai, will open their season at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, on May 18th. In Shanghai, they are now playing their fourth week, and will close there on the 14th of May and will sail on the Empress of Canada on the 16th.

These players have a repertoire that offers the widest variety imaginable. All the emotions of an audience are represented, from tears to laughter. In the company's different bills there can be found tragedy, drama, comedy and even burlesque.

Take "Rain," for instance. It is a play that had a tremendous run on Broadway, and it pulses with dramatic situations. Then there's "Abbie's Irish Rose," Ann Nichols' phenomenal success which has broken all records for a run in New York City. "The Rosary" takes the audience back to serious thoughts—and to things beautiful. "Do Foolish Wives Pay," revives more comedy situations. It is a piece that keeps an audience in a constant roar of laughter.

"The Whole Town's Talking" was one of New York's most notable successes. "Cappy Ricks," by Peter B. Kyne, ripples with its own peculiar dialogue. It is of especial interest in the Orient, because "Cappy" was modeled by the author after Robert Dollar, the famous steamship owner and operator. "The Cost of Loving" is another comedy with reams of laughter, while "Spooks" outspooks even "The Cat and the Canary" or "The Bat" for thrills and laughter. And all other numbers in the repertoire are just as good.

## CHINA COAST.

### LATEST OFFICER CHANGES

Captain R. Purslow, of the Suiyuan, is on reserve. Captain W. Lamson, of the Kanchow, has gone master, Suiyuan. Captain C. E. Fisher, from reserve, has gone master, Kanchow. Mr. T. McKechnie, chief engineer, Szechuan, is on reserve.

Mr. R. Carruthers, second engineer, Anking, has gone acting chief engineer, Kwangtung. Mr. A. MacKenzie, acting chief engineer, Kwangtung, has gone supply chief engineer, Taikoo Wan Yai.

Mr. A. B. Eason, chief engineer, Luchow, has gone chief engineer, Kanchow. Mr. J. E. Haig, chief engineer, Kanchow, has gone chief engineer, Luchow.

Mr. G. Atkinson, second engineer, Kanchow, has gone second engineer, Anking.

Mr. W. W. Brown, acting chief engineer, Sutan, has gone acting chief engineer, Linan.

Captain S. J. Barden, from reserve, has gone master, Siangwo.

Mr. R. E. Smith, from reserve, has gone second officer, Changwo. Mr. N. Richardson, second officer, Changwo, has gone acting chief officer, Tangwo.

Mr. R. G. Gillespie, supply second officer, Tingsang, has gone supply second officer, Kungwo. Mr. D. C. Woods, supply second officer, Kungwo, has gone supply second officer, Hangsang.

Mr. C. J. A. H. Hendry, chief officer, Kingwo, has gone supply chief officer, Kungwo. Mr. T. Fairburn, chief officer, Kungwo, is on reserve.

Mr. A. M. Malone, acting second engineer, Kutwo, has gone second engineer, Kungwo. Mr. D. A. MacLean, second engineer, Kungwo, has resigned.

Mr. W. Cox, chief engineer, Tai Hing, is on reserve. Mr. G. C. White, second engineer, Tai Hing, has gone chief engineer, same ship.

Mr. G. Rode, second engineer, Phramang, has gone chief engineer, same ship.

Mr. W. A. McLean, second engineer, Phumpehun, is on reserve.

Mr. R. A. Black, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Kochow. Shipping and Engineering.

The voyage of the Heap Eng Moh steamer Edendale from Singapore to Java and back, unfortunate from the start by the grounding of the vessel, has culminated in a tragedy, the chief officer, Mr. G. A. Ryle being fatally stabbed by a native member of the crew. Details are not yet to hand. A cable states that Mr. Ryle was stabbed by a native member of the crew, and landed at Cheribon and taken to hospital where he died. Mr. Ryle joined the company in May, 1926.

ministrator and signified some willingness on the part of the Soviet to come to terms regarding school and railway matters. The Chinese authorities are waiting for the definite departure of all the members of the Soviet Embassy from Peking, and after this, will take action. They are most likely to call back all their official representatives in Russia and demand the withdrawal of all Soviet officials from China. For the present there does not seem to be any idea of cancelling the rail way agreement.

## "BOOTLEGGER QUEEN."

### "ON PAROLE" AT LIVERPOOL.

Mme. Gloria de Casares, who has earned in America the title of "Queen of Bootleggers," was prevented from landing from the Cunard liner Alania when that ship arrived at Liverpool last month, (says the Westminster Gazette.)

An auburn-haired woman of striking appearance, Mme. de Casares, who was wearing large furs, had travelled as a cabin passenger. She was indignant when, after the examination of her passport, she was politely asked to stand aside while the other passengers filed past the immigration officials. The reason for her detention was not disclosed, and the immigration officials declined to discuss the matter in a single detail.

When the ship left her berth at the landing stage to proceed to dock Mrs. Casares accompanied the immigration officers, and was detained by them pending instructions from the Home Office.

I want to go back and live in London, she said to a Press Association representative when he visited her at the hotel where she is permitted to stay on the under-

standing that she does not leave the building.

The whole thing is a mystery and is too ridiculous for words, she added. The Home Office has given me no reason for the action taken. I have had no trouble before when travelling from and to England, and all my furniture is in store in London. I left England in November to visit my sister in Washington.

All the General Serret trouble was settled before I left England. I lost a lot of money through that vessel, but I had nothing to do with the whisky.

Madame Casares was the owner and manager of the General Serret, which, in 1925, was chartered by a syndicate, with which she had no connexion, to carry a cargo of 75,000 cases of whisky from Antwerp to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The General Serret put into the Thames and a dispute arose, with the result that the charterers decided to unload the whisky and place it in bond. The captain and the crew then claimed for wages and the ship was sold.

Madame Casares, it is stated, is ill in her room at the hotel, and is being attended by a doctor. The Home Office has confirmed the order refusing her permission to land.



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## ATHLETIC MEET.

## WAH YAN COLLEGE ANNUAL SPORTS.

Wah Yan College held its second annual athletic meeting on the Hongkong Football ground at Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, when favourable weather conditions, the presence of a large crowd of visitors, and the display by the pupils of the required amount of vim, it proved to be an unqualified success, and a source of great gratification for the hard-working officials concerned. The open nature of some of the events too gave the visitors as a whole, an active share in the sports, and it was a very happy gathering that at the conclusion of the meet, congregated in front of the grandstand for the distribution of the prizes to the successful competitors.

## The Events.

Following were the results of the principal events:

100 Yards Championship, Challenge Cup presented by Mr. Francisco T. Yat, to be won two years consecutively.—Won by Leung King Pan for the second year in succession. He thus secured the Cup, 2, Leung Kam Kwong; 3, Ip Cho-ping. Time, 11 2/3 secs.

100 Yards Junior Championship.—1, Cheung Hon-ming; 2, Lee Ying-choi; 3, Lam Kwok-kec. Time 11—12 2/3 secs.

220 Yards Senior Championship, Challenge Cup presented by Mr. Ko Leong Hoe.—1, Won also by Leung Kim Fung for the second year in succession; 2, Leung Kam Kwong; 3, Ko Ki-fan. Time, 34 seconds.

220 Yards Junior Championship.—1, Lam Kwok Kee; 2, Lee Ying-choi; 3, Pang Kui-pui. Time, 27 seconds.

Quarter Mile Senior Championship, Challenge Cup presented by Mr. Sun Puk-ming. J. P.—1, Fong Kwok-wat; 2, Leung Kam Kwong; 3, Leung Fong-iu. Time, 59 seconds.

Quarter Mile Junior Championship.—1, Lee Tai-mou; 2, Lam Kwok-kec; 3, Lam Yue. Time, 55—2/5 seconds.

Long Jump Senior Championship, Leung Fong-iu won on a distance of 16 feet, 10 1/4 inches.

Half Mile Open Championship Race, Challenge Cup presented by Past Pupils.—1, Fong Kwok-wat; 2, Tang Sik-poon; 3, Leung Kam-kwong. Time, 23 2/3 seconds.

One Mile Open Bicycle Race.—1, Ip Chi-ping; 2, Ho Chee-hung; 3, Fung Kwok-wat. Time, 7 min. 20 1/3 acres.

Inter-school Invitation Relay Race.—Won by Queen's College.

Low Hurdles, Open Championship.—1, Leung Kam-kwong; 2, Fong Kwok-wat; 3, Leung Fong-iu. Time, 18 seconds.

High Jump Senior Championship.—1, Ko Ki-fan; 2, Leung Fong-iu; 3, Lee Gee-ling. Height, 5 ft. 1 in.

High Jump Junior Championship.—1, Ko Ki-fan; 2, Leung Fong-iu; 3, Lee Gee-ling.

One Mile Open Championship, Challenge Cup presented by Messrs. Wing Nam to be won two years consecutively. First Prize presented by Staff.—1, Fong Kwok-wat; 2, Leung Kam Kwong; 3, Karim. Time, 5 min. 42 secs.

Thread and Needle Race.—1, Miss Alice Chung and Mr. Kitchell; 2, Miss Wu and Mr. B. A. Hyder; 3, Miss Agnes Tsui and Mr. Leung.

Senior Championship.—Leung Kam-kwong and Fung Kwok-wat tied with 18 points.

Junior Championship.—Lee Ying-choi.

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## KUOMINTANG SLOGANS.

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The following is a translation of the series of slogans issued by the Propaganda Committee of the Kwangtung Provincial Special Kuomintang, which publishers are required to print daily in the Canton newspapers for the information of the people:

1. Down with the Chinese Communist Party, which is treacherous to our late Director, Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

2. Down with the Chinese Communist Party which is against the Sam Min Chu I (Three People's Principles).

3. Down with the Chinese Communist Party which is destroying the People's Revolution.

4. Down with the Chinese Communist Party which is undoing the work of the Northern Expedition.

5. Down with the Chinese Communist Party which is utilizing bandits and labour usurpers to oppress the Peasants and Labourers.

6. Down with the Chinese Communist Party which is insulting and disgracing our late Director, Dr. Sun.

7. Down with the Chinese Communist Party which is plotting the downfall and destruction of the Kuomintang.

8. To be against the Three People's Principles is to be a Counter-Revolutionary.

9. To be against the Kuomintang is to be a Counter-revolutionary.

10. All power and authority belong to the Kuomintang.

11. All true and loyal comrades of the Kuomintang must unite and rise.

12. Down with all Counter-revolutionaries.

13. Down with all Opportunists.

14. Concentrate the powers of the Kuomintang.

15. Down with all forms of Imperialism.

16. Down with the Fengtien clique of Militarists.

17. Eradicate all corrupt officials, greedy gentry, and unscrupulous merchants.

18. Be on guard against those who lean toward the Right Wing.

19. To call a Strike against the Kuomintang is Counter-revolutionary.

20. Those who refuse to come under the direction and guidance of the Kuomintang are not Revolutionaries.

21. The masses of the people must rise and clean up the Counter-revolutionary Chinese Communist Party.

22. The masses of the people must rise and support the Chinese Kuomintang.

## NO BUSINESS.

## THINGS AT A STANDSTILL IN HANKOW.

That Hankow is being brought to a most dangerous pass by the Communists commanding silver is shown by the account of a resident who returned to Shanghai.

All the Chinese shops, he says, are shut. Stocks of rice are declining to a very low point and no more is arriving, as the former refuse to bring in foodstuffs which they can only sell for the Red Government paper money, which no one trusts. There is no coal and although there is quite a remarkable quantity of cargo waiting to be exported, it cannot be moved as, again, no one will accept the paper notes. Any coolie found with so much as a silver dollar in his possession is severely punished.

Meanwhile there is no work, of course, for anyone, the factories and industries generally having had to close through strikes and the general intemperance of labour agitators. In fact, there are all the ingredients of an outbreak to press the Peasants and Labourers.

6. Down with the Chinese Communist Party which is utilizing bandits and labour usurpers to oppress the Peasants and Labourers.

7. Down with the Chinese Communist Party which is plotting the downfall and destruction of the Kuomintang.

8. To be against the Three People's Principles is to be a Counter-Revolutionary.

9. To be against the Kuomintang is to be a Counter-revolutionary.

10. All power and authority belong to the Kuomintang.

11. All true and loyal comrades of the Kuomintang must unite and rise.

12. Down with all Counter-revolutionaries.

13. Down with all Opportunists.

14. Concentrate the powers of the Kuomintang.

15. Down with all forms of Imperialism.

16. Down with the Fengtien clique of Militarists.

17. Eradicate all corrupt officials, greedy gentry, and unscrupulous merchants.

18. Be on guard against those who lean toward the Right Wing.

19. To call a Strike against the Kuomintang is Counter-revolutionary.

20. Those who refuse to come under the direction and guidance of the Kuomintang are not Revolutionaries.

21. The masses of the people must rise and clean up the Counter-revolutionary Chinese Communist Party.

22. The masses of the people must rise and support the Chinese Kuomintang.

## WOMAN'S DEATH.

## INQUIRY INTO RECENT TRAM ACCIDENT.

An enquiry was held yesterday afternoon into the death of a Chinese woman who died in the Government Civil Hospital on the morning of the 17th April. The deceased was admitted into the hospital at 10:30 p.m. after being knocked down by a tram car near Centre Street at 9:38 p.m.

Dr. J. R. Craig said the woman was suffering from a cracked skull and inter-cranial hemorrhage.

A woman who was in the company of the deceased when she was struck by the tram gave evidence to the effect that both she and deceased were crossing the tramline at Water Street when something struck them. She could not say whether it was a motor car or a tram car. She was unconscious, and when she came to she found herself lying alongside a vegetable stall in Centre Street and some strangers were trying to assist her to her feet. The Government ambulance came along, and took her and the deceased to the hospital.

The tram driver gave evidence to the effect that he saw the two women fifty feet away. He sounded the gong and slowed down, but the women took no notice. He sounded his gong again and applied the emergency brake, but by that time the car had struck the women. His car was travelling on the fourth notch.

An inspector of the Tramway Company stated that he examined the brakes of the car and found them in good working condition. He said that the fourth notch meant ten miles per hour.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and attached no blame to any person. They added a rider to the effect that the brakes might have been applied earlier.

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## V. R. C. BOXING.

MOST ATTRACTIVE FEATURE  
"CRABBED."

## ST. JOSEPH'S DEFECTIION.

[By "Wanderer".]

The schoolboy competitions at the V.R.C. amateur boxing tournament, which usually form one of its most attractive features, have been deprived of interest this year by the withdrawal of the thirteen St. Joseph's College entrants as the outcome of a dispute over weights.

The last matches of the season are to be played on Saturday, Manchester City being at home to the wooden-spoonists, Bradford City, while Portsmouth are at home to Preston N.E.

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Division II.	Chester 0 Portsmouth 0
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Division III (South).	Plymouth 4 Bristol City 2
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	—Reuter.
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## TENNIS LEAGUE.

## UNIVERSITY TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

"A" team (home) v. U.S.R.C.—T. W. Cheng (captain), Prof. F. A. Redmond, Prof. R. E. Tottenham, Prof. L. Forster, A. A. Rumjahn, H. C. Hung.

"B" (away) v. R.E.—P. C. Lim (captain), G. de Souza, W. M. Gittins, B. P. Ng, T. K. Tan, Dr. D. K. Samy.

## THE PENDULUM CANNON.

## REECE DOES AS HE LIKES.

London, May 4.—Reece, still playing against Peall at Thurston's, has made another pendulum cannon break, attaining a new world's record of 4,221, unfinished.—*Reuter*.

## "MARE NOSTRUM."

## A SUPER FILM OF GREAT APPEAL.

"Mare Nostrum," which is now being shown at the Queen's Theatre, is one of those really very fine films which only come along now and again, and one is almost tempted to say that it is the best Ibanez film yet made.

When one remembers the past triumphs which have been secured by the filming of the novels of Blasco Ibanez, especially his "Four Horsemen," it is saying a great deal to suggest that "Mare Nostrum" tops the list, but in some ways it undoubtedly does. Rex Ingram has produced it magnificently, balancing the spectacular part of the film with much clever narrative, and introducing deft touches here and there that aid in lifting the plot above the ordinary.

It is a fine tale, and the way it is told in the film version makes for trueness to life, without losing any of the pathos and dramatic appeal of Ibanez's story.

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## DAMAGES CLAIMED.

## BREACHES OF CONTRACT.

The Wah On Firm, 11, Wing On Street were sued in respect of two writs by Messrs. Robertson Wilson and Co., Ltd., 67 and 69, Des Voeux Road Central, and the Hongkong Trading Co., Ltd., 6, Des Voeux Road Central, in the Summary Court this morning, before the acting Puisne Judge, Mr. P. Jacks.

Messrs. Robertson Wilson & Co. claimed \$697.42 as damages suffered by them because of the breach of two contracts by the defendants, May 1st, and December 30th, 1924, whereby the defendants agreed to take delivery of and pay for one case of six pieces of woolen suitings and one case of 30 pieces of printed satinette within four months of the date of arrival. The plaintiffs alleged they had suffered damage because the defendants did not take delivery or pay for the goods.

The contract prices for the goods plus interest totalled \$2,003.56, and the goods were sold for \$1,206.44, leaving the balance which was sued for.

Mr. W. D. Owen, who appeared for the defendants, consented to judgment, and his Lordship accordingly gave judgment for the plaintiffs.

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CHIEF OFFICER MURDERED.

## ATTACKED ON BOARD OF STEAMER EDENDALE.

We were able to learn more of the stabbing of Mr. G. A. Ryles of the Heap Eng Moh steamer Edendale who has died in the hospital at Cheribon as the result of terrible wounds, reports the *Straits Times*.

As was announced earlier the Edendale went ashore on a mud bank off Indramajoo on the 22nd April whilst on a voyage to Cheribon. The crew were forced to work at high speed the whole day to get the vessel refloated.

About 5 a.m. the following day Mr. Ryles, who is chief officer of the vessel, noticed that a rope was hanging over the stem of the ship.

He called the crew and ordered near the propellers and ordered one of the crew named Janis bin Sariat to haul in the rope. The Sariat had resisted and is alleged to have become insolent.

Mr. Ryle approached the man and repeated his order. What happened for the moment is not known distinctly as it was dark at the time, but Mr. Ryles was heard to exclaim that he was bleeding.

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There is no doubt, however, but Mr. Ryles would have passed away in a very short time but for the presence of Mr. Dinsfield who did all that it was possible to do on the vessel.

After the arrival of the doctor it was decided to land Mr. Ryles at Cheribon. This was done but in spite of every attention he passed away later in the Cheribon Hospital.

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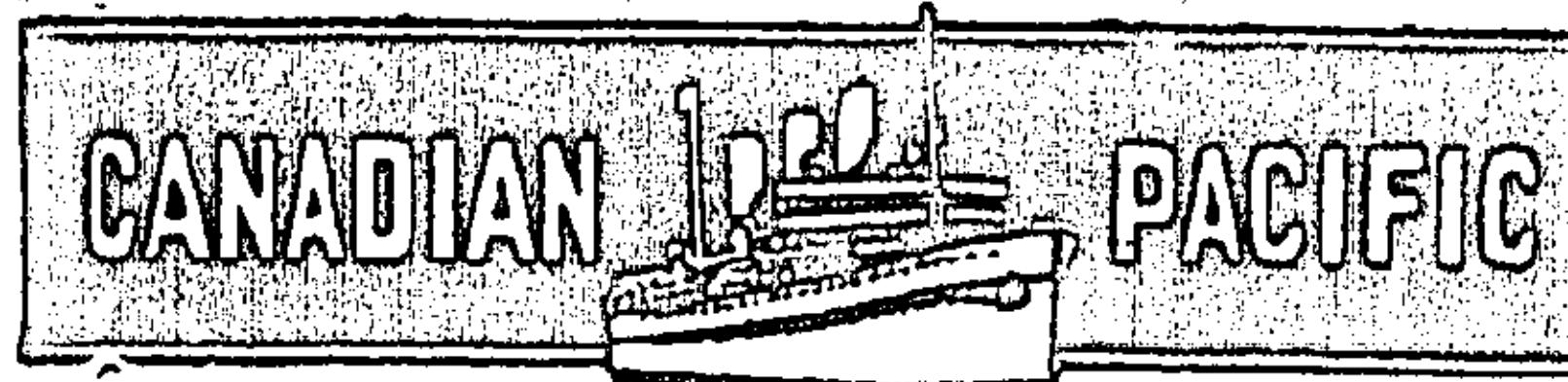
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SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu  
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KASHIMA MARU ... Saturday, 21st May, at 11 a.m.

HAKONE MARU ... Saturday, 4th June.

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NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

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ATAGO MARU ... Saturday, 28th May.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

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**"RED" AND ANTI-"RED"  
BATTLES.**

(Continued from Page 1.)

Shanghai is rapidly returning to normalcy, and reports from elsewhere indicate that things are quietening down.—*Naval Wireless.*

**NANKING GUNFIRE.****Half-Hearted Engagement.**

Nanking, May 4. The Northerners have now brought up an armoured train, and the gun is shelling Nanking.

During the day gunfire from both sides proceeded on a minor scale. The cross-river engagement is half-hearted.—*Naval Wireless.*

**HALT AT SAMSHUI.****Cantonese Troop Movement.**

Samshui, May 4. The Customs House was commanded on Saturday by Cantonese troops en route to the North River, for quartering purposes.

They spent the night at Samshui owing to the non-arrival of water transport, but behaved in an orderly manner, and there were no complaints.

The regiment was about 2,500 strong.—*Naval Wireless.*

**KIUKIANG QUIET.****Oil Moved Peaceably.**

Kiukiang, May 4. The oil stocks are being transferred from the installations into tankers as rapidly as possible. There was no interference.—*Naval Wireless.*

**FOREIGN FORCES.**

American, French, and Japanese.

London, May 4.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that since April 13, the United States had sent to China, one transport, two submarine tenders, and 12 submarines; Japan two cruisers and 16 destroyers; and France one cruiser and one despatch boat; whilst in addition to naval forces France had sent about 1,500 troops.

Japan had sent a division to Manchuria, and he had reason to believe that further troops were intended to be sent or were being sent.—*Reuter.*

**FRENCH REINFORCEMENTS.****More Ships and Troops.**

Paris, May 4.

Simultaneously with the forthcoming departure of Admiral Stoltz to China, the French naval forces in the Far East will be reinforced by another large cruiser, and three of the latest type sloops, while the despatch of another white and another Annamite battalion to China is being considered.—*Reuter.*

**COMMONS FIELD DAY.****Sir Austen Under Fire.**

London, May 4.

In the House of Commons, replying to several Labour members regarding the Peking raid on the Soviet buildings, and subsequent executions, Sir Austen Chamberlain was unable to say what crime had been brought up as a charge against those executed.

**Britain Not Responsible.**

He, as a British Minister, was not prepared to justify the ways of the Chinese towards Chinese. He did not consider that any responsibility rested with Britain.

"In common with all the Powers, we agreed with the senior Minister authorising the raid, on the premises, because it was felt that the immunities claimed for the Legation Quarter could not be justified if they were used to harbour plotters against the local Government."

**Soviet's Peking Documents.**

Replying to questioners who urged the publication by Britain of documents seized at the Soviet Legation in Peking, Sir Austen said that His Majesty's Minister reported that the Chinese Government intended to publish White Book, and communicate the contents to the interested Governments. He was of opinion that it was desirable to await publication before commenting on the matter.

**Share Of Shanghai Defence.**

Sir Austen replied in the negative to a question whether any proposal had been made by the other Powers concerned, to share equally the cost of the extra troops sent for the defence of Shanghai.

**Hankow Cheque Honoured?**

Mr. H. W. Looker asked whether the Hankow Government's cheque in compensation for damage at Kiu-Kiang had been honoured.

Sir Austen replied that he was awaiting an answer from Sir Miles Lampson.

**ULSTER LOCAL  
OPTION.****Premier's Threat to  
Resign.**

Viscount Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, in a letter to the Rev. James Bingham, D.D., and ex-Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, states definitely that, in the event of a local option campaign proving successful in 1929, it would result in his resignation of the Premiership of Northern Ireland.

In his letter to Mr. Bingham, Lord Craigavon said:

"The success of a local option campaign in 1929 would certainly entail my resignation, as I possess neither the inclination nor, I fear, the health to enter upon another long drawn out period of acute controversy during which the Loyalists of Ulster would be divided to such an extent that all we have fought for and won might be endangered."

"Few have the time or inclination to examine fully the results of Prohibition or local option in other countries, to look far ahead to realise the effects of attempting such an experiment in Ulster, or to appreciate the risk of a serious split in the ranks of the Loyalist party. I deem that to be the paramount duty of a leader, and whilst I possess the confidence of the party I will not fail to point out the dangers attendant upon such an adventure."

"The Act of 1923 is working wonders. By it I stand during my time, and I sincerely trust that when the next General Election comes round good sense will prevail, and that while ardent temperance reformers will in no way slacken individual efforts to promote the cause they have so much at heart, they will pause before committing any political action that will once again throw Ulster into the vortex from which she has just emerged."

**CHURCH STRUCK BY  
LIGHTNING.****MISHAP DURING BAPTISMAL  
SERVICE.**

While a baptismal service was in progress at the church at Middleton, a village in the Yorkshire wolds, the church was struck by lightning.

A nurse carrying the child fainted, and the sexton, Mr. Dunn, received a severe electric shock, which threw him down.

A children's Sunday afternoon service was being held at the time, and the congregation was thrown into panic when the church was struck.

A farmhouse belonging to Mr. Beal, which adjoins the churchyard, was also struck and considerably damaged, windows being broken and the window curtains burned.

**Evil of Civil War.**

Replying to Mr. Will Thorne, Sir Austen said there was no Power, least of all Britain, which would not, if it could, contribute towards a settlement of the civil war in China.

Mr. Thorne: "Will it go on for ever?"

Sir Austen Chamberlain: "As long as the Chinese continue to fight one another"—*Reuter.*

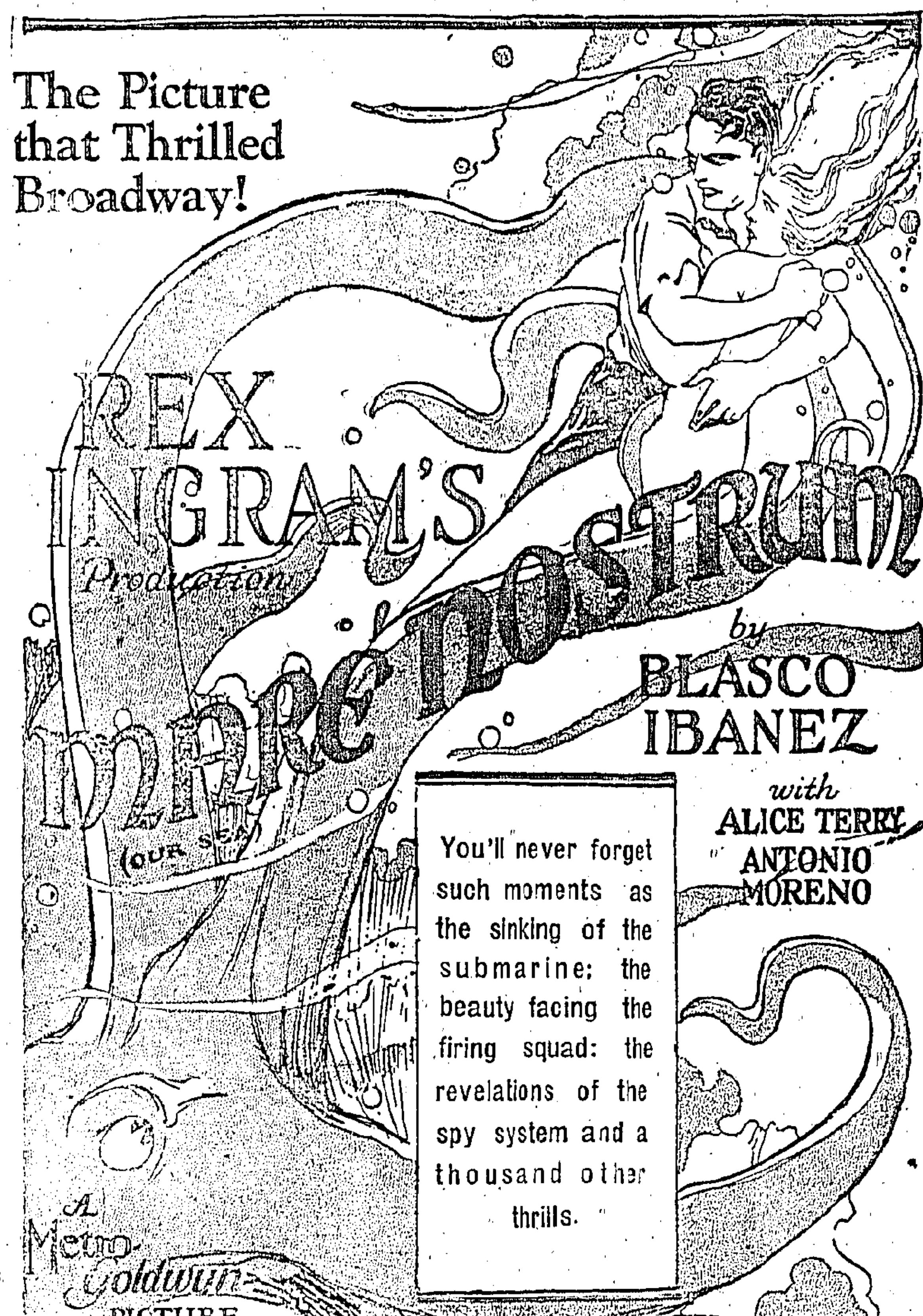
**ARBITRATION IMPOSSIBLE.****Earl Balfour's Opinion.**

London, May 4. In the House of Lords, replying to Lord Parrott on a discussion of the League of Nations, Earl Balfour asked how they were going to arbitrate on the Chinese question and with whom?

He thought that events in China had proved that universal arbitration was an imperfect weapon to preserve universal peace for we had been forced to dispatch a considerable force to deal with a situation in which arbitration could not have done the least good or contributed in the smallest way to preserve international peace and prevent bloodshed. What was proceeding in China might well give pause to those who thought that by legislation for honourable Governments who really represented organised peoples they were thereby making a perfect world. When they were dealing with vast organisations without a Government such as China no method could be discovered than the using of force to defend themselves against wrong.—*Reuter.*

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